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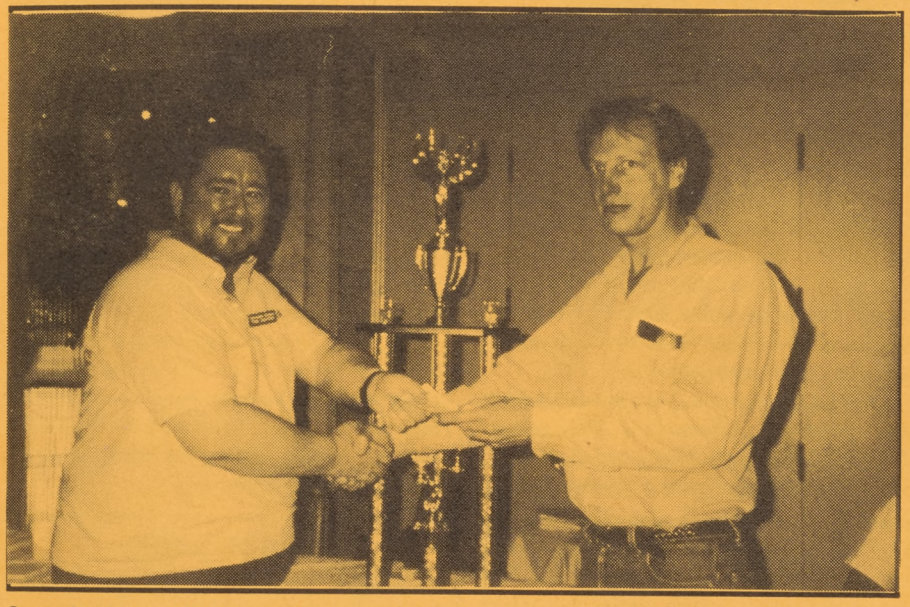
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Neil Falconer Wins U.S. Senior Open

Peter Lee is State Junior Champ

Annotated Games by GM Walter Browne and SM Vadimir Strugatsky

Palo Alto Futurity VI

...and much more

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Editor's Message

Here are some recent highlights from the fastest-growing state in the USCF system:

•Northern California added 618 new USCF members in the period 7/1/91-6/30/92, by far the largest increase in the U.S. The increase meant reapportionment of another vote to Northern California, the only one of the ten largest states to gain.

•Neil Falconer, former state champion and last year's recipient of the Koltanowski award, won the 1992 U.S. Senior Championship by defeating top-ranked GM Arthur Dake in the final round.

•Alan Tse, of Berkeley, successfully bid on the 1993 U.S. Junior Open, beating out bids from Fon du Lac, WI, and New Orleans, LA.

•Northern California has been chosen to host the 1995 U.S. Open, at the Hilton Hotel in Concord (1 mile from BART).

•CalChess' first non-profit tournament, the Labor Day Festival, was the largest in the country on Labor Day weekend. (A parallel event with same entry fee, same prize fund in Southern California—a state with twice as many people—drew 134 players).

•The Livermore Club holds its 10th Livermore Open November 7-8 (Register 8:30-9:30 at Dania Hall, 2nd & N Sts), and is expecting a record turnout for the third year in a row.

•CalChess' second non-profit tournament, featuring low entry fees and enlarged class prizes, will be held January 16-18, 1993, in Burlingame, and will retain all the features that made the Labor Day Festival the most popular tournament this year, *plus* the Games of Berkeley State Championship, an invitational round-robin for the state's top masters sponsored by Games of Berkeley, and the 3rd Region XI Women's Championship, the country's largest women's event.

Chess in Northern California continues to grow, providing more and better opportunities than ever for those who love chess to exercise their skills, either for the exquisite artistry of the game or to satisfy the competitive instinct. There are beautiful moves to be made, rating points galore, and hours of enjoyment to enrich the lives of all who choose to participate!

Congratulations to our Games Editor, Jim Eade, who married the love of his life on October 3rd in San Francisco. For their honeymoon they flew to Paris to spend enchanting week in the "City of Light". Congratulations, Jim and Sherry, from all of us! Jim is the second editor married in four months. Is matrimony an occupational hazard for *CCJ* editors? We're having the water cooler at the *CCJ* offices tested.

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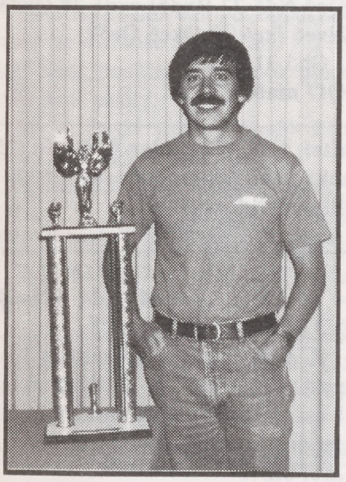
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Players Enjoy First Labor Day Festival

by NM Tom Dorsch

The first CalChess tournament event, the Labor Day Chess Festival, drew 214 players to the main event, and at least sixty others attended the collateral events, including "Kolty's show," NM Mike Arné's simul, and both open and invitational blitz events. This represented a substantial 25% increase over attendance on the same weekend last year.

The main event became a showdown between the three GMs, DeFirmian, Browne and Fishbein. Browne was able to defeat Fishbein with his resilient Najdorf, but two draws to other players, and a draw with DeFirmian, put him a half-point back. Clear first went to **GM Nick DeFirmian** (2602), 1992 Northern California Champ, who only yielded draws to GMs Browne and Fishbein on his cruise to the $1000 first prize. He was trailed by **GM Walter Browne** (2632), **SM Vladimir Strugatsky** (2511), and **NM Emmanuel Perez** (2362) with 4.5 points, and **GM Alexander Fishbein** (2592) and **SM Paul Cornelius** (2349) with 4.



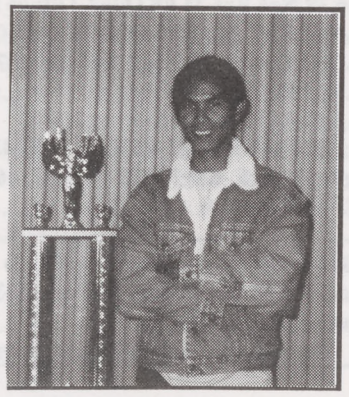
"A" Champion Sinan Kaptanoglu

The Expert winners were **James Al-Shamma** (2153) and **Keith Mehl** (2131). "A" Champion was **Sinan Kaptanoglu** (1955), who scored the only perfect six for six. **Nelson Sowell** (1874) came in second place with five points. Tied for third were **William McCann** (1922) and **William Tate** (1874) with 4.5 points. "B" honors went to **John Juan** (1853) with 5.5-0.5. **Matthew Gross** (1717) scored 5-1 to win clear second. The "C" winner was **Scott Nollet** (1515) with 5.5-0.5 who drew second-place winner **Kenneth White** (1594). The "D" trophy went to **Richard Yang** (1443/03), and the Unrated prize went home with **Arseny Karjin**, a twelve-year-old from Russia. The Top Senior trophy went to Ludwig Arndt (1930) with his score of 4-2.



"B" Champion John Juan

The CalChess Junior Invitational State Championship, sponsored by Heuristic Software, was won by fifth-seed **Peter Lee** (1940), who scored five wins and two draws to romp to victory as 1992 Junior Champ. Tied for second were **Adrian Keatinge-Clay** (1986) and **Rooshin Dalal** (1802). The favorite going into the tournament was Albert Rich (2122), but he was handicapped by the flu at the outset and was unable show his true colors until the second half of the tournament, when it was too late to catch up. The average rating of the participants was just over 1900.



"D" Champion Richard Yang

GM Walter Browne and **SM Greg Kotlyar** won the Master Invitational Blitz event held Friday night. They outpointed the field of twenty masters and Socrates, the Heuristic Software program that won the Harvard Cup. **GM Alexander Fishbein** came in third place followed by **SM Burt Izumikawa**. The Under 2400 prize was by seventeen-year old **NM Mikulas Manik**, the Czechoslavakian Junior Champion, who is a visiting transfer student, living in Bakersfield for the year.



"C" Champion Scott Nollet

The Blitz Open held Saturday afternoon between the first and second rounds of the main tournament had fifty-five players. The winners of each of the five eleven-player sections were **SM Dov Gorman, Mikulas Manik, GM Walter Browne, Fredric Dutter** and **Gady Costeff. SM Dov Gorman** won the round-robin playoff. **Timothy Trogden** won the U1800 prize and young **Vinay Bhat** won the U1600 prize for his strong performance.

Grandmaster George Koltanowski gave his remarkable show, a rare but always welcome event in Northern California. We had originally booked a room that would hold sixty spectators, but by the time the show started, we had put in twenty more seats and still had many standing along the walls. *S.F. Chronicle* colleague Steve Rubinstein assisted George as he dazzled the audience with his unique treasure of chess lore, his wit, and his amazing Knight's Tour.

Friday, September 4, **NM Mike "Strongman" Arné** took on thirty-four players, including some of the best regulars of the Burlingame Chess Club, in a simul that lasted until nearly 3 a.m. Bloodied but unbowed, Mike persevered to

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Senior Champion Ludwig Arndt

win most of the close games, offer a few draws, and concede full points to only a few diehard Experts who succeeded in exploiting the time differential to their advantage.

Many people were involved in making this festival a success. The directorial staff consisted of Carolyn Withgitt, Peter Yu, Alan Tse, and Julie Regan. Ray Orwig directed the Junior Invitational. Several volunteers assisted, including Don Wolitzer, Chuck Pigg, Jim Eade, Emmie Yu, and Neil Regan.

The staff thoroughly enjoyed the event and plans to return for another tournament in January.

White: GM Walter Browne (2632)
Black: NM Zoran Lazetich (2330)
Modern Defense [B08]
Annotated by GM Walter Browne

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Be3 Nc6

7...Nfd7!?

8.Qd2 Re8

A rather unusual move. 8...e5 is most common when 9.d5 is most popular although I've preferred 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Rd1 Qe8 11.Qc1 Rxd8 12.Rxd8 Qxd8 13.Rd1 over the years when Black may equalize with best play!

9.Rad1

9.h3?! Bxf3 10.Bxf3 e5 11.d5 Nd4! seemed to fit in with my opponent's plans as 12.Bd1 c6! confirms with good play.

9...a6

TN?! This seems a little too eccentric.

10.d5 Bxf3 11.gxf3!

I have to admit that I was impressed with a similar recent idea by Kamsky who usually doesn't shine in the openings.

11...Nb8

11...Ne5 12.f4 Ned7 13.Bd4 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.e5 forces c5 with favorable complications for White.

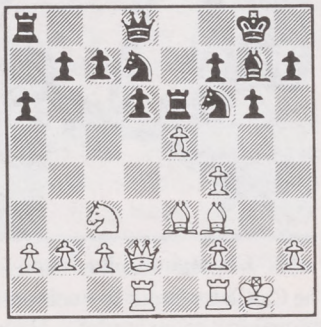
12.f4 Nbd7

12...e6? 13.dxe6 Rxe6 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bc4 Re8 16.Qd5 wins.

13.Bf3 e5 14.dxe6 Rxe6

14...fxe6 15.e5 dxe5 16.Bxb7 Rb8 17.Bc6.

15.e5!



15...dxe5 16.fxe5 Rxe5 17.Bxb7 Qb8

17...Rb8 18.Bc6 Re7 19.Bc5 Re5 20.Ba3 wins.

18.Bc6!

Driving the Knight further from my King.

18...Nf8 19.Bd4 Rh5 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nd5 Bg7 22.Bxa8

Now that there isn't any serious counterchance.

22...Qxa8 23.f4 Qd8 24.c3 c6 25.Ne3 Qb6 26.Kh1 Qa5 27.a3 Qa4 28.Qg2 Qb5 29.f5 Bh6 30.Ng4 Bg5 31.Qf3 Qb7 32.fxg6 hxg6 33.Ne5 Rh7 34.Qxc6 Qb3 35.Qd5 Qxb2 36.Qg2 Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 Ne6 38.Rd7 Bf4 39.Ng4 Kg7 40.h3?

40.Ra7 was simpler.

40...Rh8 41.Ra7 g5 42.Rxa6 Rd8 43.h4! Kg6 44.hxg5 Kxg5 45.Nf2 Rd2 46.Kf3 Kf5 47.Ra5+ 1-0

White: GM Walter Browne (2632)
Black: NM Emmanuel R. Perez (2362)
Meran Defense [D47]
Annotated by GM Walter Browne

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 0-0 9.0-0 e5 10.h3

10.Bb3!?.

10...Qe7 11.Bb3 Bc7 12.Bd2! h6?!

13.Nh4! Ne8

13...exd4 14.Nf5!? Qe5 15.f4 Qa5 16.exd4 Nb6? 17.Ne7+ Kh8 18.Ncd5.

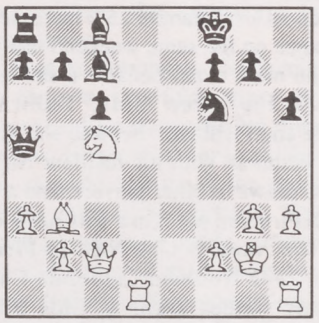
14.Ng6 Qd6 15.g3 exd4 16.exd4 Qxd4 17.Ne4! Ne5 18.Bc3 Nf3+ 19.Kg2 Qd7?

19...Bxh3+!? 20.Kxf3! (20.Kxh3 Qxe4 21.Qxe4 Ng5+ 22.Kg2) Qd7 21.Nxf8 Qg4+ 22.Ke3.

20.Rh1 Nd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Rad1 Qb4 23.a3 Qa5?!

23...Qb6.

24.Nxf8 Kxf8 25.Nc5 Nf6



25...Bd6 26.Qh7! Qxc5 (26...Nf6 27.Qh8+ Ng8 28.Rxd6) 27.Rhe1 Be6 (27...Nf6 28.Qh8+ Ng8 29.Re8+! Kxe8 30.Qxg8+ Kd7 31.Qxf7+ Kd8 32.Re1 Bd7 33.Qg8+) 28.Be6 fxe6 29.Rxe6 Rd8 30.Rd3!.

26.Qc4 Nd5 27.Rxd5! cxd5 28.Qxd5 Be6 29.Nxe6 fxe6 30.Qxe6 Qe5?

30...Qh5 31.Re1.

31.Qf7 mate 1-0

White: GM Alexander Fishbein (2592)
Black: GM Walter Browne (2632)
Sicilian Najdorf [B96]
Annotated by GM Walter Browne

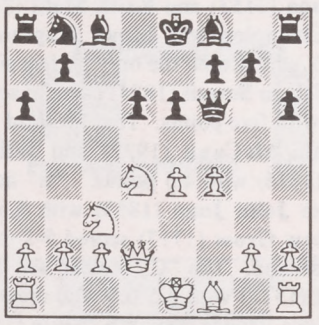
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2?!

R. Calvo played something like this against me in Madrid '73, whereupon I recall essaying h6 and promptly gaining a better position.

7...h6! 8.Bf6

8.Bh4? Nxe4! 9.Bxd8 (9.Qf4 Ng5) Nxd2 10.Bc7; 8.Be3?!.

8...Qxf6 9.f4



9.0-0-0 Nd7 10.f4 Qd8 11.f5 Ne5 (Nc5? 12.b4) 12.fxe6 fxe6 13.Kb1 (13.Be2 Qg5!) Be7 14.Nf3! Nxf3 (Qa5!?) 15.gxf3 0-0 16.f4 and White won in Ndblovu-Diallo (OL) NoviSad '90.

9...g5! TN 10.f5

10.g3?! (10.Nde2!? gxf4 11.Nxf4 h5 is what Alex feared yet I saw a viable alternative which I will reserve for a future customer!) gxf4 11.gxf4 Qh4+ 12.Qf2 and I've the pleasant choice of an immediate ending or the sly confounding Be7!.

10...Nc6 11.Nxc6

11.Nf3 g4! 12.Ng1 h5 and White squirms!

11...bxc6 12.Bc4

Aha! He wants to castle kingside.

12...Qe5!

Against basic principles yet it fits the position perfectly as Alex can't castle kingside and I may trade Queens on f4 if he castles queenside plus I free my Bishop on f8 and eye a5 and h2!

13.fxe6?!

As I take control of the f-file later 13.0-0-0 was best.

13...fxe6 14.Bb3 Bg7 15.Rd1 Ke7 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Na4 Raf8 18.Rxf8 Rxf8 19.Nb6

Alex banks on what seems to be his only chance.

19...Qc5 20.Kh1 Rf2 21.Qd3 Qd4! 22.h3

Although Alex can get opposite-color Bishop he will lose a pawn and I'll retain a better King position and Rook placement which wins easily.

If 22.Qxd4 then ...Bxd4 23.Nxd7 Kxd7 24.c3 Be5 25.Rb1 Re2.

22...Qxd3 23.Rxd3 Rf1+ 24.Kh2 Bxb2 25.Nxd7 Kxd7 26.c3 Re1 27.Bc2 Rc1 28.Bb3 Bxc3 29.g3 Be5 30.Kg2 c5 31.Rf3 c4 32.Ba4+ Ke7 33.Rf1 Rxf1 34.Kxf1 Bxg3 0-1

White: SM Vladimir Strugatsky (2511)
Black: SM Burt Izumikawa (2496)
Meran System [D47]
Annotated by SM Vladimir Strugatsky

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7

"Wade's System"—L. Pachman, The Queen's Gambit. "Rarely seen these days"—A. Karpov, The Closed Openings in Action.

9.e4

If 9.a3, Black plays b4!? anyway.

9...b4 10.Na4

10.e5 bxc3 11.exf6 cxb2 12.fxg7 Bxg7 13.Bxb2 c5! is good for Black

10...c5 11.e5 Nd5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.Nxd4

This variation has recently gained popularity. White sacrifices a pawn for better development and hopes of leaving Black's King in the center. However, Black has sufficient defensive resources. The older 13.Re1 is probably more promising.

13...Nxe5

13...a6 led to trouble after 14.Nxe6! fxe6 15.Qxh5+ Ke7 16.Bg5+ N5f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18. Bh4 Qe8 19.Qg4+ Kf7 20.Rfe1 ±, Smagin-Sveshnikov, Sochi 1987.

14.Bb5+ Nd7 15.Re1 Rc8 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qe5

Recent practice proves that the natural 17.Qe2 is not dangerous for Black after 17...a6 18.Bxa6 Bxa6 19.Qxa6 Bg7 20.Bg5 Nc7!

17...Qf6 18.Nf3 Bg7

The Russian Meran expert Sorokin successfully tried 18...h6!? against Scherbakov, USSR Ch. 1990. After 19.Bf4 Be7 20.Rac1! Rd8! 21.Qxf6 Bxf6 22.Nc5 Bc8, Black has no problems.

19.Qe2

Or 19.Bxd7+ Kxd7 20.Qe2 Qe7 21.Qb5+ Kc7 22.a3 Kb8 23.axb4 a6 24.Qa5 Qb4 25.Qxb4 Nxb4 26.Bf4+ Ka7 27.Be3+ Kb8, with a draw by repetition. Dokhoyan-Akopian USSR Ch. 1991.

19...Qe7 20.Ne5 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qf6

Black decided to avoid an equal endgame after 21...0-0 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Bh6 f6 24.Qxe6+ Qxe6 25.Rxe6 Rfe8 (Rf7?! 26.Nc5!).

22.Qe4?!

Looks attractive in light of 22...a6? 23.Bxd7+ Kxd7 24.Nb6+, or 22...Bc6? 23.Bxc6 Rxc6 24.Qxd5, but Black has a much stronger response.

Better was 22.Qd6, with a repetition after 22...Qe7 23.Qe5; or 22.Qxf6 Nxf6 23.Bg5! (23.Be3?! a6! 24.Bxd7+ Nxd7; 23.Bh6?! Ke7) 0-0 (less convincing is 23...Nd5 24.Rac1 Rxc1 25.Rxc1 a6 26.Bxd7+ Kxd7 27.Nc5+ Kc7 28.Nxe6+ Kb8 29.Nc5, and White has some pressure) 24.Bxd7 (24.Rad1 Bc6!) Nxd7 25.Be7 Rfe8 26.Bxb4, with equal chances in the endgame.

22...Rc7! 23.Bh6

I have to burn bridges since Black is prepared to castle safely, and 23.Bxd7+ Kxd7 does not look promising at all.

23...g5! 24.Rac1! Rxc1 25.Rxc1 Qxh6 26.Nc5 0-0!

Oops. I missed this move, anticipating a crushing victory after "the only" 26...Bc8 27.Nxe6! Now Black feels only minor inconveniences for his extra pawn.

27.Nxd7

27.Bxd7 didn't work; Black has 27...Ba8! 28.Nxe6? Nf4!

27...Rd8 28.Ne5 Ba8 29.Rd1?! Rb8?! 30.Bc6 Bxc6 31.Nxc6 Rb7 32.Qe5 Qg7 33.Qd6 h6 34.h4 b3! 35.axb3 Rxb3 36.hxg5 hxg5?

Up to this point, Izumikawa played very well to reach a dominant position, but now something strange happens to him, and Black loses in a mere six moves. After 36...Qxg5!, White's chances for survival are minimal.

37.Nd4! Rb6

37...Rxb2 allowed 38.Nxe6, equalizing.

38.Qd8+ Kh7 39.Nf3! Kh6

After 39...f6 40.Qe8!, White generates enough counterplay for a draw.

40.g3

With 41.Kg2 and Rh1 in mind, suddenly White's threats become serious.

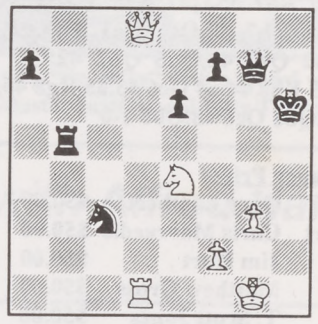
40...Rxb2

Prevents 41.Kg2? Ne3—But White has prepared a surprise.

41.Nxg5! Nc3?!

Of course, 41...Qxg5 is met by 42.Qh8. Black should have tried to secure a draw by 41...Qf6 42.Qxf6+ Nxf6 43.Nxf7+ or 41...Rb4 42.Nf3.

42.Ne4! Rb5??



This is a blunder, but Black's choice was not easy. 42...Nxd1 43.Qh4+ Kg6 44.Qg4+ Kh7 45.Nf6+ Qxf6 (45...Kh8? 46.Qh5) 46.Qxf6 Rxf2! 47.Qh4+ Kg7 48.Qg4+ Kh7 49.Qd1 Rf5 led to a position which may be objectively drawn, but is very hard to defend in sudden-death time controls. The position after 42...Nxe4 43.Qh4+ Kg6 44.Qxe4+ Kf6 is not a piece of cake either, but Black seems to hold in all variations: A) 45.Qh4+ Kg6! (45...Qg5? 46.Qh8+ Qg7 47.Qd8+! Kg6 48.Rd4 f5 49.Rd7, with a devastating attack) 46.Rd4 f5, and 47.g4 is bad due to 47...Rb1+!; or B) 45.Rd7 Rb5! 46.Qd4+ Kg6 47.Qd3+ Rf5 48.g4 Kh6!; or C) 45.Qa8!? Rb4! 46.Qf3+ Kg6 47.Qd3+ f5 48.Qd8 Rb7.

43.Qd2+ 1-0

White: GM Nick DeFirmian (2602)
Black: SM Vladimir Strugatsky (2511)
French Defense [C19]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Nf3 Nbc6 8.Be2 Qa5

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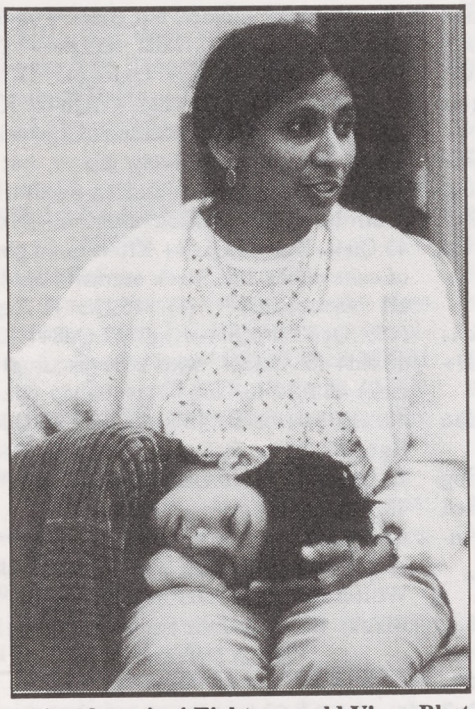
9.Bd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa4 11.Rb1 Nd4 12.Bd3 Nec6 13.0-0 b6 14.Nd4 Qd4 15.Re1 Bd7 16.Qh5 0-0-0 17.Re3 Rdf8 18.Qe2 Kb8 19.Bb5 Rc8 20.Qe1 Qc5 21.a4 d4 22.Reb3 Rhd8 23.a5 Qe5 24.Qc1 Na5 25.Bf4 1-0

White: GM Alexander Fishbein (2592)
Black: NM Paul Cornelius (2349)
French Defense [C01]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 Nbd7 9.c3 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.Rfe1 h6 12.Bh4 Bf3 13.Nf3 Nh5 14.Be7 Rxe7 15.Qb3 c6 16.Rxe7 Qxe7 17.Re1 Qc7 18.Qa3 Nf4 19.Re7 Qc8 20.Ne5 Nd3 21.Nd3 Ng6 22.Re3 Qf8 23.Qb3 Rb8 24.Qa4 Ra8 25.g3 Qd6 26.Nc5 Qc7 27.h4 Nf8 28.Qa3 Ng6 29.Nd3 Qd7 30.h5 Nf8 31.Re7 Qf5 32.Ne5 Qh5 33.Rb7 Ng6 34.Ra7 Ra7 35.Qa7 Ne5 36.dxe5 Qxe5 37.Qa8 Kh7 38.Qc6 Qe1 39.Kg2 Qe4 40.Kh2 Qe2 41.Qd5 Qb2 42.Qf7 Qc3 43.Qf5 Kh8 44.a4 Qc6 45.a5 Kg8 46.Kg1 g6 47.Qb1 Qe6 48.Qb8 1-0

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Chess is exhausting! Eight-year old Vinay Bhat and mom after his simul game with Mike Arné.

White: Gary Lambert (2065)
Black: NM Joe Welch (2216)
"Master" Brilliancy Winner
Smith-Morra Gambit [B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 d6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.e5 Ng4 7.e6 Ne5 8.exf7 Nxf7 9.Bxf7 Kxf7 10.Nf3 e6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Ne4 h6 13.Bf4 e5 14.Be5 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Kg8 16.Qb3 Kh7 17.Nf7 Qb6 18.Qc2 Bf5 19.Neg5 Bxg5 20.Qf5 g6 21.Ng5 hxg5 22.Qf7 Kh6 23.Rae1 Na6 24.Rxe6 Qxe6 25.Qxe6 Rhe8 26.Qh3 Kg7 27.Qd7 Kh6 28.Rd1 Rad8 29.Qh3 Kg7 30.Rd7 Rxd7 31.Qxd7 Kf8 32.g3 Re7 33.Qb5 Kf7 34.Qg5 Nc7 35.Qf4 Kg8 36.Qf6 Rg7 37.h4 a6 38.Qe5 Kh7 39.f4 Rf7 40.h5 gxh5 41.Qxh5 Kg8 42.Kf2 Kf8 43.Qc5 Kg7 44.Qe5 Kf8 45.f5 Ne8 46.g4 Re7 47.Qh8 Kf7 48.g5 1-0



Richard Shorman scrutinizes the "brilliancy" nominees

White: Wade Regensberg (2181)
Black: Chris Mavraedis (1904)
"Expert" Brilliancy Winner
Albin Counter-Gambit [D00]

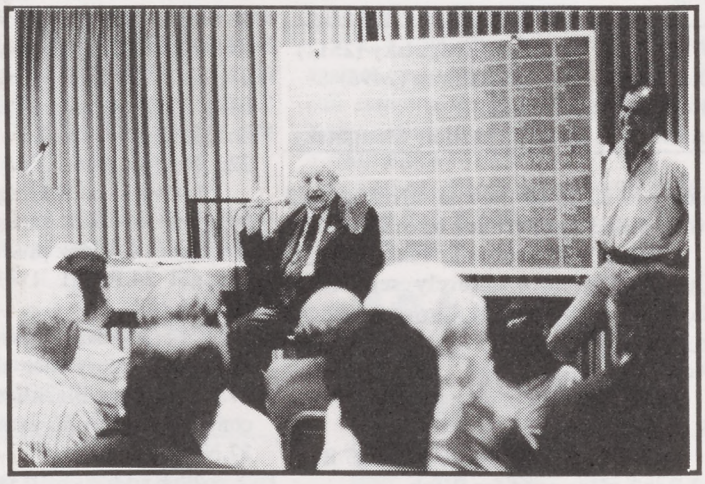
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White: Joseph DeLeon (1900)
Black: Jim Hurt (1967)
"A" Brilliancy Winner
English Opening [A29]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Be6 7.0-0 f6 8.a3 Qd7 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.d3 Bc5 11.b4 Bb6 12.Bb2 0-0-0 13.Rc1 Kb8 14.Qc2 g5 15.Rfd1 h5 16.Ne1 Bxg2 17.Nxg2 h4 18.d4 hxg3 19.fxg3 exd4 20.e3 Qh3 21.Ne1 dxe3 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Ng2 Rd2 24.Qe4 e2 0-1

White: Matthew Gross (1693)
Black: Harold Himes (1633)
"B" Brilliancy Winner
French Defense [C00]

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Be3 dxe4 4 Nd2 Nf6 5.f3 exf3 6 Ngxf3 a6 7 Bd3 Nc6 8 0-0 Nb4 9.Bc4 b5 10 Bb3 Bb7 11 Qe1 Bd6 12 Ng5 Nbd5 13 Bf2 0-0 14 Bh4 Nf4 15 Nge4 Kh8 16 Bg5 N4d5 17 Bd5 Bh2 18 Kh2 Qd5 19.Rf6 h6 20 Qh4 Kg8 21 Rh6 f5 22 Rh8 Kf7 23 Qh5 g6 24 Rh7 1-0



GM George Koltanowski casts his spell over the standing-room-only audience on Labor Day



The Lonsdale Family of Fremont, Joey, Jeffrey, Joe Sr., and Jonathan playing NM Mike Arné in the Friday night simultaneous exhibition





GM Walter Browne playing "Socrates" with a crowd watching every move in the Master Invitational Blitz Tourney

White: T.Scott Jones (1521)
Black: Eric Shen (1440)
"C" Brilliancy Winner
English Opening [A16]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bd3 c5 8.0-0 0-0 9.a3 Bxc3 10.bxc3 b6 11.Bg5 h6 12.e5 hxg5 13.Nxg5 Ba6 14.exf6 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 1-0

Chess Then and Now...*an interview with Alfred Hansen*

by Bruce Jewett

Once upon a viewing of a simultaneous exhibition, in the mid-1950's, a 30-year-old Alfred Hansen began a lifelong passion for chess, as well as a long friendship and collaboration with Blindfold Champion GM George Koltanowski.

In the following decades Hansen raised a family, ran a successful construction business, went through several power boats, fished a lot, served on community boards, played in countless tournaments, and generally bettered chess in Northern California by nurturing the San Mateo-Burlingame Chess Club and the Kolty Chess For Youth Foundation.

When he is not deprecating his latest level of play, you might get him to admit to winning the National Open "B" Section in Las Vegas in 1983. This year, he won the Upset Prize at the US Senior Open.

A very jaunty 67 years of age, Hansen is gradually withdrawing from organizing club and other events. "I don't want to officiate anymore. I just want to have fun playing chess," he said, in a room set aside in his home as a virtual museum of antique chess sets, chess-related art and literature.

In 25 years as a founding member of the San Mateo-Burlingame Club, he served numerous times as President, Board Officer, and Tournament Director. He is optimistic about the growth of the club, saying, "We're getting more members now because the younger, concerned players are getting more people interested in the game. We're in as good shape as we've ever been."

Hansen has seen the club grow from a handful of people to abut 150 active members. "Dress in tournaments has become better," he says. "Back in the 1960's we had players with buttocks coming out of their jeans."

Hansen was a co-founder, with Koltanowski and the late John Marks, of the Kolty Chess for Youth Foundation, which provides volunteer chess instructors to elementary schools in San Mateo County. So many schools are interested, that currently there are not enough volunteers to cover them all. The Foundation is funded by interest from private investments, and by $1 from each tournament entry fee paid to the San Mateo-Burlingame Club.

"I see players getting better and better," he said. "Mainly because of the books and computers we didn't have 30-40 years ago. The level of play in all divisions is definitely going up."

Hansen feels that many players of the royal game miss a vital point of the chess experience. "Over the years I began to realize what an important social function chess is. A lot of players, unfortunately, are introverted and withdrawn. They don't take full advantage of the social situation of the game, which is so important—simply getting to know other people of different backgrounds."

Reflecting that social consciousness, Hansen frequently cites the contributions of others—especially those of Scott Wilson, Wilfred Goodwin, Harold Edelstein, and Herb Rosenbaum.

After years of working for chess and for others, he reiterates, "I"m looking forward to just playing in the tournaments and doing things in the Kolty Foundation. Let the younger people come so they can revitalize everything."

Local Masters Find FIDE Fever

by NMs Mike Arné and Peter Yu

As part of the effort to promote Master chess in Northern Californnia, Jim Eade and I, Mike Arné, have been organizing futurity tournaments. A futurity is a tournament oriented toward getting ELO or FIDE (international) ratings for the participants. FIDE ratings are useful for international play and are a prerequisite for obtaining international titles.

The last three Palo Alto Futurities have used a format popular in Europe. We play a five-man, double-round, Scheveningen-style match between a FIDE-rated team and a FIDE-unrated team. The time control is game in sixty minutes (the fastest control that FIDE allows for rated games).

Results have been impressive, with eight more local players earning FIDE ratings. They are:

Allen Becker 2255 (est.); Jim Eade 2245; John Pope 2245; Gabriel Sanchez 2290; Bob Sferra 2295 (est.); Joseph Siroker 2245; Mike Splane 2300+ (est.); and Peter Yu 2310+ (est.).

This brings to eighteen the total of Bay Area players rated since we began this effort ten months ago. This more than doubles the active FIDE player pool in the Bay Area and increases the national total by nearly 10%.

The sudden-death format and uniformly strong competition test the stamina of the participants. But as one player put it, "I've played more games against Masters this weekend than I have in a whole year of weekend Swisses."

If Game/60 vs. Master competition interests you, a series of Masters-only Swisses will be held at the Chess Academy of Palo Alto on October 24, November 21, and December 12. For more information, contact Mike Splane at (415) 326-5949. Advance registration is required.

White: Mike Arné [FIDE 2400]
Black: Allen Becker (USCF 2146)
Sicilian Najdorf [B90]
Annotations by NM Mike Arné

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3

This is usually played with the idea of f3, Qd2 and 0-0-0, followed by a pawn storm on the kingside. White has a different plan in mind.

6...e5 7.Nf3

First played by Hübner in his 1980 Candidates Match with Portisch. White will play a4 and Bg5, put his Bishop on c4, and then maneuver the Knight on f3 to e3. By restraining b5 and d5, White hopes to prevent Black counterplay and then to infiltrate via the weakened light squares in the center.

7...Qc7 8.a4 Be7 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Nd2 b6?!

Black really needs to play ...h6 here. If the Bishop retreats to h4, then he has the option of ...g5. After 10...h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3, we reach (by transposition) the game Makarichev-Cheshkovsky, USSR (Ch) 1978, which continued 12...Nf8 13.Nc4 Be6 14.Ne3, unclear (ECO). An exchange on f6 will make Black's position less cramped, and allows him, after ...Nf6 and ...Be6, to organize ...d5 while White's pieces are still awkwardly placed in the center. White's plan is slow, but once his pieces get to their target squares, Black will be throttled. The best way to cross up this sort of plan is to strike back quickly and try to open up the position.

11.Bc4 Bb7 12.Bb3 0-0 13.0-0 Rac8

13...d5 is not possible due to 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5, winning the exchange.

14.Nc4 Rfd8

14...d5 fails to 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Be7, again winning the exchange.

15.Ne3

Now White has reached his target setup. Three minor pieces bear down on d5, while the fourth will be exchanged for one of the defenders of d5 (the Knight on f6). Black hasn't made any obvious errors, yet White has a big advantage. Black's mistake has been in mixing a committal positional idea (6...e5) with a slow hedgehog-type follow-up plan. In a Sicilian with ...e5, Black must play actively because once White gets the initiative, he will be all over the pawn weaknesses in the center.

15...Qc5

Black hopes to hold up White's play in the center via pressure on the a-pawn and to generate counterplay via ...b5-b4.

16.Rc1!

Defending the c-pawn and threatening to occupy d5 with a Knight.

16...b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bxf6 Nxf6 19.Ncd5 Bxd5 20.Bxd5 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Bg5 22.Ra1!

Now 22...Qxc2 fails to 23.Qg4! h6 24.h4 followed by 25.Ne7+.

22...Rf8 23.Qg4 h6 24.c3

This is the kind of position that White strives for against the ...e5 Sicilian. The Knight on d5 dominates the Black Bishop, which is hampered by the pawns fixed on d6 and e5. White occupies the open a-file, the b5 pawn is weak, and Black has no counterplay down the c-file.

24...f5 25.Qe2 fxe4 26.Qxe4 Qc4 27.Qxc4 Rxc4 28.g3?!

Probably a mistake—I wanted to play h4 to drive the Bishop from its active diagonal, but 28.g3 weakens the f3 and f2 squares. On 28...Rf3, 29.Rad1 followed by 30.Kg2 kicks away the Rook.

28...Rc5 29.Rfd1 e4

White threatens 30.Ra6 Rd8 31.h4. If 29...Rc6 30.Ra7 with Rb7 or Rd7 to come. 29...e4 is an attempt to complicate, as both players are getting a little short on time.

30.Ra6 b4!? 31.cxb4?

I was surprised by 30...b4. Fearing 31.Nxb4 Rcf5 32.Rf1 e3, I missed 33.f4!, stopping the attack cold. After rounding up the pawn on e3, White would win easily.

31...Rc2 32.h4?? Rfxf2! 1/2-1/2

The wheels come off the wagon in time pressure. Now, after 33.hxg5, there is a perpetual check. Encouraged by his fortuitous escape in this game, Allen went on to earn a FIDE rating.

White: NM Gabriel Sanchez (2346) [2290 FIDE]
Black: NM Peter Yu (2260)
King's Indian [E61]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.e3

The Flohr System, which IM Andrew Martin labels a cautious and restrained idea. Similar to an English, White refrains from blocking his fianchettoed Bishop by developing his King Knight to e2. The only difference here is White has already played d4 whereas an English often postpones this push until the most opportune time.

6...Nc6

Black tries to attack White's early d4 which is already supported by e3. Theory prefers 6...c6, giving Black the option of the Kavalek System with 7.Nge2 Qa5 8.0-0 Be6! 9.d5 cxd5 10.Nd4 dxc4!? 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.Bxb7 Nbd7 13.Bxa8 Rxa8 and Black's Knight headed for d3 will more than compensate for the sacked exchange.

Another line for Black would be 6...c6 7.Nge2 a5 8.b3 Na6 9.0-0 e5 10.Bb2 Re8 equalizing. Petrosian-Larsen, Santa Monical 1966, continued 11.a3 Rb8 12.h3 h5 13.Qc2 Be6 14.Kh2 Qc7 15.Rac1 b5! and Black eventually won.

7.Nge2 Bd7 8.b3 e5 9.Bb2 Qc8 10.h3

White prevents an exchange of Bishops but forgoes safe castling.

10...Re8 11.d5

Black's pressure on White's uncastled King invites leads White to lock the center. White gains time for castling at the expense of muting his double fianchetto.

11...Ne7 12.g4 Rb8

A waiting move which allows the defensive resource ...b6 should White ever threaten a b4-c5 pawnstorm.

13.Ng3 h6 14.0-0

White has finally castled and his pieces seem less awkward than Black's. But Black's position holds one virture which White lacks, a thematic plan. Although he has greater scope, it is unclear what kind of a plan White must follow with his outstretched pawn structure. Black, however, is winding up his cramped position in preparation for the unleashing ...f5. Such a straight-forward, simple-minded plan should never be underestimated in a King's Indian.

14...Nh7 15.Rc1 b6

There's no rush to play f5. Black first prevents White's offensive before proceeding with his own, unstoppable attack.

16.Kh2 f5 17.gxf5 Nxf5 18.Nxf5 gxf5

Suddenly, the game hs become very exciting. Both sides try to claim a kingside attack, disregarding their own monarch's shelter. The race is on to see who can deploy more pieces quicker.

19.f4!?

Attempting to neutralize Black's thrust by preventing ...f4 and ...Ng5. The ultra agressive 19.Qh5 leads to nothing after 19...Nf6 20.Qg6 Rf8 and 21...Be8.

19...exf4 20.exf4

Keeping Nc3 pinned and opening up the e-file for future infiltration.

20...Qd8 21.Rf3 Qh4 22.Qd2 Nf6

After the game, Sanchez confessed that he overlooked Nf6-Ng4+ and originally intended to play Qf2 at this point.

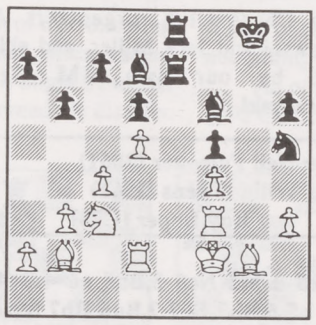
23.Rcf1 Re7 24.Kg1 Rbe8 25.Qf2

Black shows he can better support a kingside attack than his opponent. Faced with a rapidly deteriorating game, White offers to exchange Queens hoping to lessen Black's blow. A draw is offered, but Black declines.

25...Qxf2 26.R3xf2 Nh5 27.Rd2 Ng3 28.Rf3 Nh5

Seeing what White does. If 29.Rf1 trying for a repetition, Black has 29...Kh7 eliminating any intermezzo checks after Ng3-Bxc3-Ne2+. White cannot hold much longer and now makes a slight inaccuracy which costs him a pawn.

29.Kf2 Bf6!



30.Bf1 Bh4+ 31.Kg1 Re3 32.Rg2+?!

Losing the h3 pawn immediately. 32.Rxe3 Rxe3 33.Ne2 Ng3, also loses a pawn.

32...Kf7 33.Rxe3 Rxe3 34.Ne2 Rxh3 35.Rg7+

Approaching sudden-death time pressure, White forces a minor piece ending in which he hopes Black's pawn advantage will become immaterial.

35...Nxg7 36.Bxh3 Nh5

Throughout the game, Black has proven White's f-pawn to be weaker than his own.

37.Bd4 Kg6 38.Be3 Nf6 39.Nd4 Ng4! 40.Bxg4

Forced. If 40.Nc2 Bg3 nets another pawn. Now with two connected outside passers, plus the Bishop pair, Black's victory is imminent.

40...fxg4 41.Kg2 Be1 42.a4 h5 43.Ne6

White is lost. But like a true fighter, he sets one last trap.

43...Bxe6 44.dxe6 Kf6 45.f5 Bh4

Eliminating any hopes of queening with 46.Bg5+.

46.Bf2 Bg5 47.b4 Kxf5 48.c5 dxc5 49.bxc5 Kxe6 0-1

White: NM Tom Dorsch (2200) [2230 FIDE]
Black: NM Peter Yu (2260)
English Opening [A16]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1.c4

A surprise! I was expecting 1.e4 followed by the dreaded Dorsch Wing Gambit after 1...e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4!? Tom has fallen many a French player with this line, I was no exception. Even with the round-robin luxury of opening preparation, how can anyone effectively prepare against an opponent whose variation bears his name? Luckily, Tom never put the question to the test. Perhaps White wanted merely to draw in this friendly futurity, but Black was hungry for chess and needed a win.

1...Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Rb1

A rare move which tempts Black to abandon his King's Indian. However, Black can be just as stubborn as White's.

3...Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 Nc6

Black chooses a Panno-like setup versus White's fianchettoed position, in hopes of transposing into the King's Indian Panno after 7.d4 a6 8.0-0 Rb8. If 6...a5 7.0-0 c6 8.d3 Nbd7 9.a3 Nb6 10.Bd2 d5 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.a4 Ne8! 13.Nb5 Bd7 14.Qb3, ECO evaluates the position as unclear.

7.0-0 a6?!

Here Black tries too hard to transpose and fails to recognize how Rb1 makes this position unique. Black's main idea in the Panno is to attack on the queenside due to White's Bishop not being on the f1-a6 diagonal. However, Rb1 gives White a leg up on

action by evading Black's fianchettoed Bg7 and preparing b4. Thus, any queenside advance such as ...a6 will only help White breakthrough sooner, refuting the second player's core intentions.

Instead, Black should have chosen any one of these Book continuations:

a) 7...Bf5 8.d3 Qd7 9.b4 Bh3 10.b5 Nd8 11.Bd2 or 11.Nd5 =.

b) 7...a5 8.d3 Bd7 9.a3 Qc8 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 Nh5 12.Qd2 Bh3 13.b5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nd8 15.Bb2 e5 =.

c) 7...Nh5 8.d3 f5 9.Bd2 f4 10.b4 e5 11.b5 Ne7 =.

d) 7...Bd7 8.a3 Qc8 9.Re1 Bh3 10.Bh1 h6 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Nd8 13.Bd2 c6 14.dxc6 Nxc6 =.

8.b4 e5

Realizing his mistake, Black quickly reverts back to simple chess: go for center and King.

9.d3 Ne7 10.a4 Bd7 11.Nd2 c6 12.Qc2 Ne8 13.b5

Finally White makes contact by mobilizing his domineering queenside. Meanwhile Black scrambles to develop his own threats on the kingside.

13...axb5 14.cxb5!?

A more positional crush was expected with 14.axb5, but Tom is a tactician. White not only eyes a potential Queenside passer, but also the strong c4-post for his Knight.

14...f5 15.Nc4 d5

Black goes for the center hoping to disrupt White's queenside attack.

16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Nb6

Between two masters, a game often hinges on the win a tempo.

17...Ra6 18.Ba3 Rf7 19.Bc5 Be6 20.Qb3 Nc7 21.Nd1 e4!

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Neil Falconer Wins Senior Open

by Carolyn Withgitt

Northern California has another national champion! One of the mainstays of Northern California chess, **Neil Falconer**, is the 1992 U.S. Senior Champion. Well-known to chessplayers as the organizer of the Pan-Pacific Grandmaster tournaments, and as President of the Mechanics' Institute, home of the oldest chess club in the United States, Falconer scored 5.5 points, defeating top-ranked GM Arthur Dake in the final round. Several Masters competed in the field of 69 players, aged 50 and up. The event was held this year aboard the MS Noordam, cruising from Vancouver to Alaska, August 25-September1. Falconer, an Expert player and S.F. attorney, was the recipient of the Koltanowski award at the 1991 U.S. Open for his many activities on behalf of chess.

An important assist goes to **Alfred Hansen** (1600), of Hillsborough, who won the Upset Prize for knocking off NM Allen Kaufman (2242) (game below).

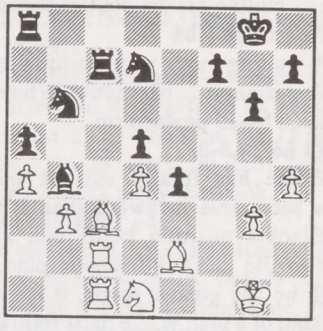
The event was sponsored by the San Diego Chess Club, organizers Alina Markowski and Jack Miller, and ably directed by our own GM **George Koltanowski**.

White: Neil Falconer (2061)
Black: Willa Owens (1561)
Ruy Lopez [C78]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Bd5 Bb7 8.Nc3 d6 9.d4 exd4 10.Bxc6+ Bxc6 11.Nxd4 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Nc6 Qd7 14.Nxe7 Kxe7 15.Re1 Qf5 16.Qf3 1-0

White: Alfred Hansen (1600)
Black: NM Allen Kaufman (2242)
Upset Prize
King's Indian Attack [A05]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d3 d6 3.e4 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 g6 6.g3 Nbd7 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.c3 0-0 10.Nd2 a5 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Re1 b5 13.Nf1 b4 14.Bd2 Rab8 15.d4 e5 16.h4 d5 17.exd5 bxc3 18.Bxc3 e4 19.Qd1 cxd5 20.Ne3 Qa7 21.g4 Nb6 22.Qd2 Ra8 23.b3 Rfc8 24.a4 Rc6 25.Rec1 Bf8 26.Qe2 Rac8 27.Qe1 Ba3 28.Rc2 Nfd7 29.Bf1 Qc7 30.Nd1 Qf4 31.Qe3 Qxg4+ 32.Qg3 Qxg3+ 33.fxg3 Bb4 34.Rbc1 Nf6 35.Be2 Nfd7 36.Bb5 R6c7 37.Ba6 Ra8 38.Be2 1/2-1/2



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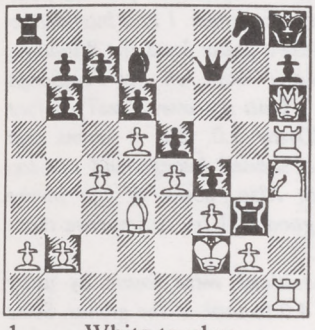
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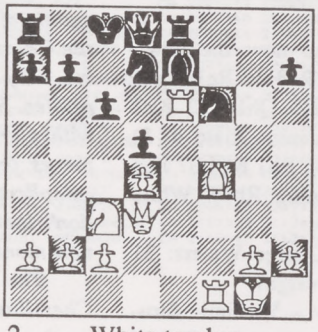
by NM David Forthoffer

See if you can find the best move in each of the following positions. The best move involves tactics, often leading to mate or a decisive win. Sometimes it might be to just win a pawn, or find the only move to stave off immediate disaster. If you understand the tactics, you'll know the best move. We're not talking subtle strategy!

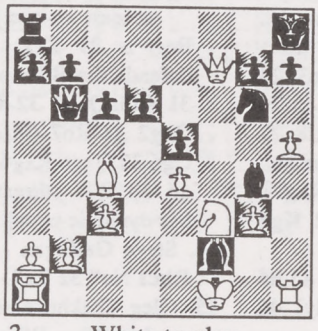
All of these positions were taken from the first two rounds of the 1992 CalChess State Championship. The answers are on page 12.



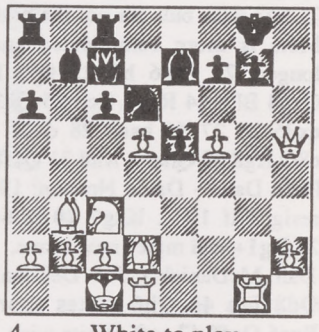
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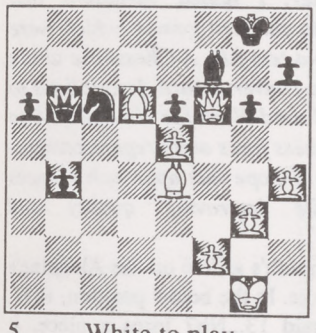
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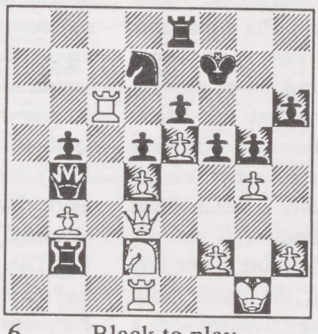
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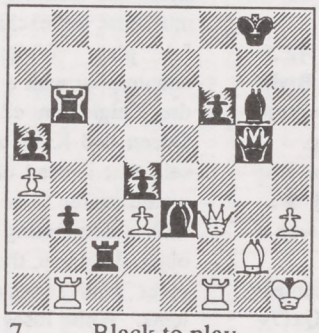
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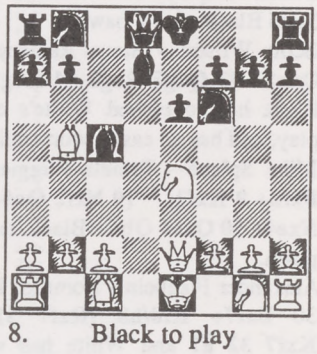
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6. Black to play



7. Black to play



8. Black to play



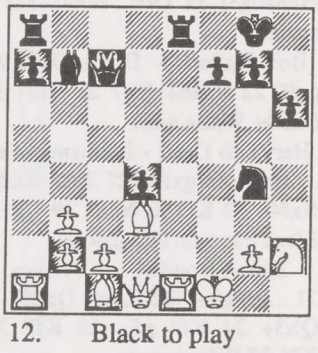
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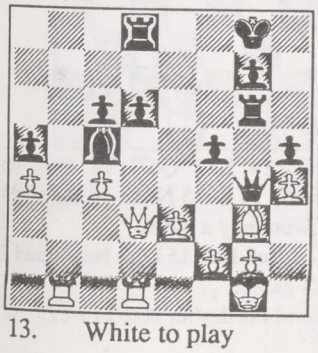
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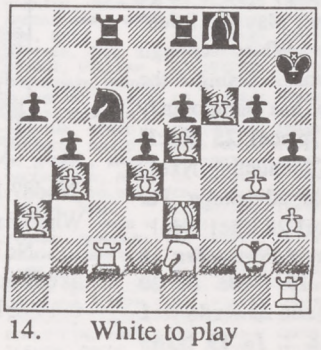
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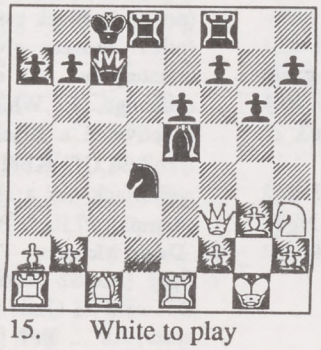
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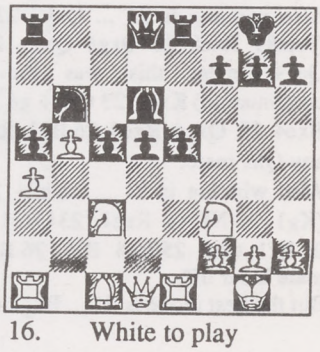
13. White to play



14. White to play



15. White to play



16. White to play

What is the Best Move?

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To count as solving a problem, you should have examined all the **bold face moves.**

1. Eric Baudry - Eric Shen: **25 Ng6+** resigns. On **anyxg6 27 Qxh7+ Qxh7 28 Rxh7 mate.**
2. Charles Pigg - Matthew Gross: **18 Rxc6+** resigns. If 18 ... **bc 19 Qa6 mate.**
3. Rodolfo Zapata - John Romo: **21 h6** resigns. If 21 ... **gh 22 Qf6 mate.** 21 hg? wins buts it's not the best move. Mate is more complicated and takes longer: 21 hxg6 h5 22 Qf5 Be3 23 Qxg4 Bh6 24 Rxh5 Qc7 25 Qh3 d5 26 exd5 b5 27 d6 bxc4 28 dxc7 Rf8 29 c8Q Kg8 30 Qhe6+ Kh8 31 Qxf8 mate
4. Parin Dalal - David Newton: 19 **Rxg7+** resigns If 19 ... **Kxg7 20 Qh6+! Kg8 21 Rg1+** and mates next move.
5. Dan McDaniel - Joe DeLeon: 45 **h5 Qd8 [gh 46 Qh6 mates shortly] 46 Bxc6 Qxf6 47 exf6** White wins
6. Ernest Templer - John Meadows: 28 ... **Nxe5** Black wins a pawn
7. Scott Wilson - Steve Ramsey: 42 ... **Qxg2+ 43 Qxg2 Rxg2 44 Kxg2 Bxd3** Black has squelched White's counterplay, and has an easily won ending.
8. Mike Splane - Pamela Ruggiero: 8 ... **Bxf2+ 9 Kxf2 [9 Nxf2 Qa5+] 9 ... Nxe4+ 10 Qxe4 Qb6+** Black has won a pawn.
9. Alexander Fishbein - Romulo Fuentes: 30 **Bxf7+ Kf8/h8 [Rxf7 31 Qxf7+ Kxf7 32 a7** and White has won the exchange] **31 Qc4.** White has won a pawn.
10. Bob Bullock - Diana Ong: 21 **Nf6+ gxf6 22 Rxe8+ Kg7 23 Nf5+ Kg6 24 Nxh4+** White wins
11. Haryanto Daud - Emmanuel Perez: 26 ... **Rxf4 27 gxf4 [27 Rd2 Rd4] 27 ... Nxf4+ 28 Kf1/f3 Nxe2 29 Qxe2 Qxe5** Black has won two pawns
12. Tim Trogdon - James Seals: 21 ... **Bxg2+! 22 Kxg2 Qxh2+ 23 Kf3 Qh3+ 24 Kf4 g5+ 25 Kf5 26 Ne3+ Kf6 27 R/Qe6 mate.**

    Also winning is 21 ... Qxh2 22 Bh7+ (Rxe8+ Rxe8 23 Qxg4 Qh1+ 24 Kf2 Qe1+ mate; this was the game continuation) Kxh7 23 Qd3+ g6 24 Re4 Bxe4 25 Qxe4 Rxe4 26 Be3 Rxe3 27 any Qh1 mate.

    Also winning is 21 ... Nxh2+ 22 Kf2 (Kg1 23 Nf3+) Rxe1 23 Qxe1 Ng4+ **24 Kf1 Qh2 25 Be4 Re8 26 Bf4 and mate is far off.**

    But the *best* move is 21 ... Bxg2+.
13. Valentin Pepelea - Robert Vaccarezza: Not

    [29 Re1?? ("preparing" 29 Rb7, seeing only that 29 Rb7 could now be answered by Bxe3) f4 Black wins a piece]

    [29 Rb3? Bxe3 30 fxe3 Qxg3 Black has won a pawn and still has pressure.]

    [29 Kh2?? f5! 30 ef Bxf2 Black wins at least a piece.]

    Best is 29 **Kf1!** (so now the pawn defends the Bishop) Re8 30 Re1 Rge6 31 Bf4 Qxh4 32 Qxf5 Qh1+ 33 Ke2 Qxg2 34 Rb7 (threatening mate in 5) Qg6 35 Qxg6 Rxg6 36 Rh1 Rg4 37 Kf3 g6 38 Rd7 (threatening Rb1). White has dynamic equality.
14. Steve Gaffagan - George Waters: 31 **Rhc1 Na7 32 Rc7+** resigns
15. Oleg Shakhnazarov - Vladimir Strugatsky: After White moves his Queen, Black can fork the Rooks on c2. White must lose the exchange. But with careful play, White can get some counterplay with a Rook on c1 pinning the Knight on c2 against the Black Queen and King. Afterward, Vladimir said that instead of such a position he would prefer to be only a Pawn ahead with a dominating position. If you are objectively lost, the *best* line is one that gives your opponent the most problems. White loses the exchange with a terrible position in all the below lines, and Black does not have any difficult moves to find.

    [22 **Qg4 f5**]

    [22 **Qd1 Nc2 23 Bd2 Nxa1**]

    [22 **Qc3 Ne2+**]

    [22 **Qg2 Nc2 23 Bh6 Nxe1 24 Rxe1 Rfe8 25 Rc1 Qxc1+ 26 Bxc1 Rd1+** 27 **Qf1** Red8]

    [22 **Qh1 Nc2 23 Bh6 Nxa1 24 Rxa1 (Bxf8 Nc2) Rfe8 25 Rc1 Qxc1+ 26 Bxc1 Rd1+**]

    The *best* line for White is 22 **Qe4! f5 23 Qh1! (Qxe5?? Nf3+) Nc2 24 Bg5** (now that Black cannot play f6) Rde8! (other moves give White enough counterplay to avoid losing the exchange, so White has temporarily deactivated a Black piece) **25 Rac1! Bxb2 26 Qf3 Kb8!** (threatening Nxe1) and Black has a clear advantage. For example, 27 Red1 Bxc1 28 Rxc1 Nd4!
16. David Moulton - David Forthoffer: 18 **Bg5! [Nxd5? Nxd5 19 Qxd5 e4 20 Rd1 exf3 21 Qxd6 Qxd6 22 Rxd6 Re1 mate]** 18 ... **Be7** [18 ... **f6 19 Nxd5 fxg5 20 Nxb6 Qxb6 21 Qd5+ Kf8** (21 ... Kh8 22 Nxg5 Ra7 23 Nf7+ Rxf7 24 Qxf7 winning) 22 **Nxg5 Ra7 23 Nxh7+** with a very strong game] **19 Bxe7 Rxe7 20 Rxe5 Rd7** White has won a pawn, with a winning position. The game continued 21 Qc2 g6?! 22 Rd1 d4 and here White did not like 23 Ne4 c4, missing 24 Re8+!.

Author's Note: I apologize for the poor quality of the diagrams. I had intended to use ChessBase's chess fonts for Windows, but they didn't work on my PostScript printer. So I built my own TrueType font with CorelDraw 3.0. But it seems that pieces on a shaded background are too complicated. Also, some of the pieces don't look good. I'll try to improve those next month.

The positions were found by using ChessBase 4.0 to look at the games. Some tactics were checked with the built-in KnightStalker. I added variations and comments to selected games, which were exported to a text file. A ChessBase utility was used to convert board descriptions to diagrams. I used Word for Windows 2.0 to apply the chess fonts and prepare camera-ready copy. I hope this approach reduces work while improving quality and quantity.

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13 ... Nb7? 14 Ba4 Qd7! 15 Qe4 b5 (Nbd8? 16 b5) 16 Bxb5 Nbd8 17 Ba4 Qd5 White has won only a pawn.

13 ...Nd7 14 Be4 Bb7 15 Qb5 Ncd4! and I like Black's game!

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Master

1	DE FIRMIAN, NICK	CA	2602*S0	2619*S5	W--23	W---6	W--12	W---3	D---2	D---5	5.0
2	BROWNE, WALTER S	CA	2632*t2	2634*t2	W---8	D--11	W---4	W---5	D---1	D---3	4.5
3	STRUGATSKY, VLADI	CA	2511*s2	2525*s4	W--25	W--24	W--20	L---1	W--12	D---2	4.5
4	PEREZ, EMMANUEL R	CA	2362*M4	2383*M6	D--18	W--30	L---2	W--23	W---9	W--10	4.5
5	FISHBEIN, ALEXAND	WY	2592*S5	2586*S5	D--16	W--17	W--11	L---2	W---6	D---1	4.0
6	CORNELIUS, PAUL A	CA	2349*m2	2383*m7	W--26	L---1	W--24	W---7	L---5	W--12	4.0
7	KELSON, RICHARD	CA	2391*m4	2370*m4	L--24	W--29	W--22	L---6	D---8	W--16	3.5
8	ROA, IVAN	CA	2238*m5	2244*m5	L---2	W--27	L--13	W--22	D---7	W--19	3.5
9	CROSS, STEVEN D	CA	2222*m4	2237*m4	H----	H----	W--14	W--16	L---4	D--13	3.5
10	SPLANE, MIKE K	CA	2212*m4	2226*m4	D--29	H----	W--21	H----	W--18	L---4	3.5
11	MANIK, MIKULAS	CA	2160/04	2300/10	W--27	D---2	L---5	L--18	W--21	W--17	3.5
12	IZUMIKAWA, BURT T	CA	2496*S4	2482*S4	W--15	W--21	L---1	W--13	L---3	L---6	3.0
13	LAZETICH, ZORAN	CA	2330*m4	2319*m4	L--21	W--25	W---8	L--12	D--17	D---9	3.0
14	LAMBERT, GARY G	CA	2065*A0	2103*A5	W--28	L--20	L---9	L--15	W--26	W--18	3.0
15	NEELY, LIZ	CA	2229*X2	2206*X2	L--12	L--28	D--26	W--14	L--19	W--21	2.5
16	FORTHOFFER, DAVID	CA	2228*X0	2230*X0	D---5	D--18	H----	L---9	W--24	L---7	2.5
17	FUENTES, ROMULO C	CA	2208*X4	2198*X4	H----	L---5	D--19	W--27	D--13	L--11	2.5
18	MOULTON, DAVID P	CA	2200*m0	2200*m0	D---4	D--16	D--23	W--11	L--10	L--14	2.5
19	ROBLES, H C	CA	2287*C0	2262*a5	L--20	H----	D--17	D--24	W--15	L---8	0.0
20	SANCHEZ, GABRIEL	CA	2318*m2	2317*m2	W--19	W--14	L---3	U----	U----	U----	2.0
21	JANNIRO, MIKE E	CA	2243*m4	2225*m4	W--13	L--12	L--10	W--29	L--11	L--15	2.0
22	PLENO, HORACIO M	CA	2005*A0	1999*A0	B----	H----	L---7	L---8	D--27	U----	2.0
23	EADE, JAMES V	CA	2309*M0	2297*M0	L---1	W--26	D--18	L---4	U----	U----	1.5
24	SHAKHNAZAROV, OLE	CA	2251*m0	2230*m0	W---7	L---3	L---6	D--19	L--16	U----	1.5
25	PINTO, MARK A	CA	2239*m5	2230*m5	L---3	L--13	D--29	W--26	U----	U----	1.5
26	ANDERSON, MICHAEL	CA	2108*x5	2089*x5	L---6	L--23	D--15	L--25	L--14	W--27	1.5
27	WEISS, SEGGEV	CA	2085*x5	2039*x5	L--11	L---8	B----	L--17	D--22	L--26	1.5
28	WELCH, JOSEPH	CA	2266*X7	2259*X7	L--14	W--15	U----	U----	U----	U----	1.0
29	RUGGIERO, PAMELA	CA	2117*x5	2112*x5	D--10	L---7	D--25	L--21	U----	U----	1.0
30	DAUD, HARYANTO	CA	2169*X0	2163*X0	H----	L---4	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.5

Expert

1	AL-SHAMMA, JAMES	CA	2153*X0	2182*X2	W--20	W--26	W--18	W---6	L---5	W---4	5.0
2	MEHL, KEITH H	CA	2131*x7	2164*X4	W--14	D---3	D--10	W--21	W---6	W---5	5.0
3	RICCA, ROBERTO	CA	2135*x0	2151*x2	W--28	D---2	H----	W--20	L---4	W--12	4.0
4	ZAPATA, RODOLFO B	CA	2109*x6	2137*x8	D--30	D--25	W---8	W--19	W---3	L---1	4.0
5	GAGNON, MARK	CA	2100*X8	2120*X8	W--17	W---8	L---6	W--12	W---1	L---2	4.0
6	BISHOP, ALAN M	CA	2030*x7	2077*x9	W--15	W--19	W---5	L---1	L---2	W--11	4.0
7	REGENSBERG, WADE	CA	2143*x5	2134*x5	D--12	L--18	W--17	D--22	H----	W--16	3.5
8	ROMO, JOHN PAUL	CA	2117*x2	2120*x2	W--29	L---5	L---4	W--15	D--10	W--13	3.5
9	HAINES, WILLIAM C	CA	2114*x2	2113*x2	D--13	D--22	L--21	W--25	D--16	W--17	3.5
10	STEPHENS, MARK	CA	2053*x4	2063*x4	D--11	W--13	D---2	D--18	D---8	H----	3.5
11	HOWLETT, PATRICK	CA	1979*x7	2008*x7	D--10	W--16	L--12	W--26	W--18	L---6	3.5
12	ONG, ALLEN VINCEN	CA	2060*A2	2068*A4	D---7	W--30	W--11	L---5	D--13	L---3	3.0
13	STEVENS, VINCENT	CA	2025*x0	2032*x0	D---9	L--10	W--27	W--24	D--12	L---8	3.0
14	GROSS, BENJAMIN L	CA	2000*x2	2008*x2	L---2	D--17	L--15	W--23	D--24	W--29	3.0
15	VENKATRAMAN, BALA	CA	2075*x0	2049*x0	L---6	L--24	W--14	L---8	D--25	W--21	2.5
16	WAIDE, JAMES C	CA	2062*x0	2041*x0	D--24	L--11	W--28	H----	D---9	L---7	2.5
17	LAHIRI, INDRA	CA	2020*x2	2017*x2	L---5	D--14	L---7	W--28	W--21	L---9	2.5
18	MAVRAEDIS, CHRIS	CA	1879*a4	1919*a6	W--27	W---7	L---1	D--10	L--11	U----	2.5
19	FITZPATRICK, SEAN	CA	2105*x9	2092*x9	W--21	L---6	W--24	L---4	U----	U----	2.0
20	BLESZYNSKI, RICK	CA	2083*x0	2089*x0	L---1	W--29	W--25	L---3	U----	U----	2.0
21	MUKHARJI, ASHISH	CA	2028*A2	2009*A2	L--19	W--23	W---9	L---2	L--17	L--15	2.0
22	ELROD, DENNIS C	CA	2022*A2	2039*A2	D--25	D---9	D--26	D---7	U----	U----	2.0
23	REGAN, NEIL O	CA	2018*x0	2000*x0	L--26	L--21	L--29	L--14	B----	W--24	2.0
24	ALEXANDER, PETER	CA	1900*a0	1905*a0	D--16	W--15	L--19	L--13	D--14	L--23	2.0
25	FLYNN, FRANK	CA	2137*x0	2104*x0	D--22	D---4	L--20	L---9	D--15	U----	1.5
26	OCHOA, JASON	CA	2099*X2	2073*X2	W--23	L---1	D--22	L--11	U----	U----	1.5
27	JESTADT, JESSE	CA	2089*x7	2059*x7	L--18	D--28	L--13	W--29	U----	U----	1.5
28	FORD, CLIFTON P	CA	2056*x2	2027*x2	L---3	D--27	L--16	L--17	W--29	U----	1.5
29	OVERTON, OWEN R	CA	2059*A6	1995*A6	L---8	L--20	W--23	L--27	L--28	L--14	1.0
30	DUTTER, FREDRIC L	CA	2177*x0	2159*x0	D---4	L--12	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.5

"A"

1	KAPTANOGLU, SINAN	CA	1955*A5	2038*X5	W--34	W--23	W---6	W--13	W---5	W---3	6.0
2	SOWELL, NELSON M	CA	1874*a7	1934*A4	L--19	W--35	W---8	W--25	W--13	W---6	5.0
3	MC CANN, WILLIAM	CA	1922*a2	1959*a7	W--39	W--40	D--17	W---9	W--19	L---1	4.5
4	TATE, WILLIAM	CA	1874*a5	1933*A4	D---5	W--18	L---9	W--26	W--28	W--16	4.5
5	BROWN, MARK G	CA	2021*A9	2015*A9	D---4	W--21	W--25	W--17	L---1	D---9	4.0
6	MEJIA, CARMELITO	CA	1942*x5	1964*x5	W---7	W---8	L---1	W--32	W--22	L---2	4.0
7	KHAMKAR, SHARAD S	CA	1935*a2	1948*a4	L---6	W--30	L--31	W--40	W--32	W--24	4.0
8	ARNDT, LUDWIG J	CA	1930*A2	1951*A2	W--31	L---6	L---2	W--33	W--18	W--21	4.0
9	REMUS, HORST	CA	1836*a0	1887*a2	D--10	W--38	W---4	L---3	W--17	D---5	4.0
10	DRURY, MARK L	CA	1928*a4	1924*a4	D---9	L--32	W--39	W--34	D--21	D--13	3.5
11	LIEBERMAN, DONALD	CA	1900*A0	1900*A0	W--30	L--28	D--34	L--23	W--25	W--26	3.5
12	HAND, CAMERON R	CA	1885*a0	1910*a2	D--24	D--26	W--33	D--28	W--23	U----	3.5
13	MERRICK, JEFFREY	CA	1871*a0	1901*a2	W--15	W--36	W--28	L---1	L---2	D--10	3.5
14	WOLITZER, DONALD	CA	1856*a0	1886*a0	L--36	W--29	D--26	D--18	W--15	H----	3.5
15	SEALS, JAMES C	CA	2018*x4	1976*x4	L--13	D--33	W--38	D--20	L--14	W--28	3.0
16	HURT, JAMES E	CA	1967*A0	1957*A0	H----	H----	L--22	W--37	W--20	L---4	3.0
17	FORDYCE, GRAEME	CA	1909*B7	1908*B9	W--27	W--19	D---3	L---5	L---9	D--23	3.0
18	MANNING, THOMAS R	CA	1904*a0	1897*a0	D--32	L---4	W--41	D--14	L---8	W--31	3.0
19	MANGROBANG, MANUE	CA	1892*A2	1908*A2	W---2	L--17	W--40	W--31	L---3	U----	3.0
20	CHU, ERIC	CA	1888*a0	1881*a0	W--29	L--25	D--23	D--15	L--16	W--34	3.0
21	MINZNER, CARL F	NM	1881*a0	1900*a0	D--26	L---5	W--27	W--36	D--10	L---8	3.0
22	KAIBNI, WILLIAM	CA	1872*A5	1892*A5	H----	H----	W--16	W--24	L---6	U----	3.0
23	ROSENBAUM, HERBER	CA	1837*a0	1836*a0	X----	L---1	D--20	W--11	L--12	D--17	3.0
24	CHAMBERS, GILBERT	CA	1800*a4	1825*a4	D--12	W--41	D--36	L--22	W--31	L---7	3.0
25	AMERI, HOSSEIN	CA	1751*B2	1747*B2	B----	W--20	L---5	L---2	L--11	X----	3.0
26	SAMATRA, MARIO L	CA	1973*A7	1934*A7	D--21	D--12	D--14	L---4	W--27	L--11	2.5
27	BETANCO, DAVID F	CA	1900*A7	1900*A7	L--17	D--39	L--21	W--35	L--26	W--40	2.5
28	MC DANIEL, DAN A	CA	1803*a0	1816*a0	W--37	W--11	L--13	D--12	L---4	L--15	2.5
29	VACCAREZZA, RUBER	CA	1743*B0	1758*B0	L--20	L--14	L--37	W--30	W--33	D--35	2.5
30	PEPELEA, VALENTIN	CA	2118/04	1836/09	L--11	L---7	L--35	L--29	W--40	X----	2.0
31	LAGIER, TERI	CA	1873*A0	1849*A0	L---8	W--42	W---7	L--19	L--24	L--18	2.0
32	STEWART, JAMES W	CA	1863*a5	1858*a5	D--18	W--10	H----	L---6	L---7	F----	2.0
33	ESCANO, EMMANUEL	CA	1857* 0	1815* 0	D--41	D--15	L--12	L---8	L--29	B----	2.0
34	BOLES, ROBERT L	CA	1831*B0	1820*B0	L---1	W--37	D--11	L--10	D--39	L--20	2.0
35	NIKOLIC, IVAN	CA	1800*a0	1800*a0	U----	L---2	W--30	L--27	D--37	D--29	2.0
36	GONSALVES, MICHAE	CA	1995*x4	1955*x4	W--14	L--13	D--24	L--21	U----	U----	1.5
37	DE LEON, JOSEPH C	CA	1991*A2	1926*A2	L--28	L--34	W--29	L--16	D--35	U----	1.5
38	TROGDON, TIMOTHY	CA	1832*A5	1808*A5	H----	L---9	L--15	X----	U----	U----	1.5
39	EDELSTEIN, HAROLD	CA	1814*a2	1800*a2	L---3	D--27	L--10	H----	D--34	F----	1.5
40	TEEHAN, GREGG	CA	1872*a2	1818*a2	W--42	L---3	L--19	L---7	L--30	L--27	1.0
41	HOMAN, STEPHEN	CA	1858*a0	1826*a0	D--33	L--24	L--18	F----	U----	U----	0.5
42	GALLAGHER, FRANCI	CA	1975*A6	1934*A6	L--40	L--31	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0

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LERA Pennisula Class Championships

by SM Vladimir Strugatsky, NM Steve Cross and NM Mike Janniro

The annual LERA Summer Swiss was held August 15-16. **Jim Hurt**, now retired and living near Lake Tahoe, organized the event and **Ted Yudacufski** of Monterey directed. Jim, incidentally, is still very active in the chess community. In addition to organizing four of Northern California's largest tournaments, he teaches chess at two of his local schools and is a tough competitor in weekend events.

Over 140 players competed in 6 sections.

Open: Vladimir Strugatsky (2499) 4-0; 2nd: **Henry C Robles** (2183) 3.5-0.5; 3rd-5th: **Liz Neely** (2214), **Mike Janniro** (2201), and **Ivan Roa** (2248) 3-1.

Expert: 1st-2nd: **Edward Syrett** (2140), **Walter Wood** (2060) 3.5-0.5; 3rd-5th: **Jason Ochoa** (2111), **Rick Bleszynski** (2061), **Kevin Ziegler** (2033) 3-1.

"A" Section: 1st-2nd: **Ronald Perez** (1858), **Romulo Aguilar** (1825) 3.5-0.5; 3rd-4th: **Prasad Paranjpe** (1890), **Valentin Pepelea** (1822) 3-1.

"B" Section: 1st: **Joe Ferrante** (1676) 4-0; 2nd: **Stephen Thorn** (1683) 3.5-0.5; 3rd-9th: **Mike Cerezo** (1641), **John Meadows** (1645), **Scott Johns** (1649), **Romeo Balingcongan** (1751), **Ursula Foster** (1761), **Maurice Newton** (1785), **Carlos Galinato** (1794) 3-1.

"C" Section: 1st: **Raymond Cordova** (1477) 4-0; 2nd-3rd: **Charles Faulkner** (1515), **Parin Dalal** (1470) 3.5-0.5.

"D/E/Unr." Section: 1st D: **Jon Graff** (1299) 2.5-1.5; 1st E: **Ed Fernandez** (1081) 3-1; 1st Unr: **Rudy Cardoza** (Unr.) 4-0.

There was a small simultaneous scholastics event. Five-year-old **Jonathan Lonsdale** (Unr.) beat top seed **Marijo Mont-Reynaud** (913) and went home with first prize! Jonathan is the youngest of the Lonsdale brothers, including Jeffrey and Joey, to play on the local tournament circuit. And you know what they say about Judith...

Richard Shorman judged the Brilliancy prizes based on games played the first day and they were announced on Sunday morning. Below are the brilliancies plus a few interesting games.

White: SM Vladimir Strugatsky (2498)
Black: NM Matvey Temkin (2262)
King's Indian [E60]
Annotated by SM Vladimir Strugatsky

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6?!

Mistimed. Theoretical 7...0-0 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 a6 is more appropriate here.

8.0-0?! 0-0?!

Both players failed to grasp the main drawback of 7...a6. White should have played 8.c5! immediately, while Black missed 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6, with reasonable chances.

9.c5!

Restraining ...b6 and ...d6. Now an adequate development of queenside pieces becomes Black's major challenge.

9...Qc7 10.Nb3

10.Bg5!? deserves attention.

10...b5 11.Bf4

White is better after 11.cxb6 Qxb6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.h3, but I already felt that my position promised more than that.

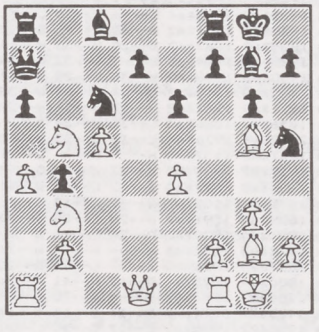
11...Qa7 12.e4!

12.a4 b4 13.Nb5!? was very tempting, but 13...axb5 (13...Qb7? 14.Na5!) 14.axb5 Qb7 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.bxc6 dxc6 provides a strong outpost on d5. Now Black has to worry about 13.a4 b4 14.Nd5.

12...Nh5 13.Bg5 e6

Black is planning ...Bb7 and then ...Nc6-e5-c4, organizing counterplay. How is White to take advantage of the awkward placement of Black's pieces?

14.a4 b4 15.Nb5!



15...Qb8?

Granting the d6 square to White's Knight, even for the price of a pawn, is almost suicide in this postion. Black would be better off choosing 15...axb5 16. axb5 Qb7 17. bxc6 dxc6 (17...Rxa1? 18. cxb7!). Now White would have to find the strong move 18. Qd2!, with a clearly better position. The natural 18.Rxa8 Qxa8 allows Black to be back in the game: 19.Qd2 Qa4! or 19.e5!? (a promising pawn sacrifice) 19...Bxe5 20.Qe2 Bg7! (20...Bc7 21.Ra1 Qb7 22.Qf3! Bd7 23.Rd1 Bd8 24.Bxd8 Rxd8 25.g4! Ng7 26.Qf6+ +-; or 20...f6 21.Ra1 Qb7 22.Bh6 Rd8 23.f4! Bc7 24.Qe4 Bd7 25.f5! gxf5 26.Qh4 Be8 27.Nd4 ±) 21.Ra1 Qb7 22.Na5 Qa7!.

16.Nd6 Bxb2 17.Ra2 Bg7 18.a5!

A very important move that prevents the freeing maneuver ...a6-a5 and ...Bc8-a6. Now Black's queenside is paralyzed.

18...Qc7 19.Qc1

19.Qd2 may have been more precise.

19...Nd4 20.Nxd4 Bxd4 21.Be7! b3

Black's activity is temporary. 21...Qxc5 loses to 22.Rc2, and 21...Bxc5 loses to 22.e5! Rb8 (22...Bxd6 23.Bxd6 Qxc1 24.Rxc1) 23.Rc2.

22.Ra4 b2 23.Qc2 Bg7

This loses immediately, but Black's position is hopeless anyway. 24.Rc4 decides in response to both 23...Bxc5 and 23...Qxc5.

24.e5 Rb8 25.g4!

The Knight on h5 is trapped.

25...Nf4 26.Rxf4 Bxe5 27.Bxf8

Of course there are many ways to clinch the game, but it is always nicest to calculate a forced checkmate.

27...Bxf4 28.Qc3! Kxf8

28...e5 29.Qc4 +-.

29.Qh8+ Ke7 30.Qe8+ Kf6 31.Qxf7+ Ke5

31...Kg5 32.Ne4+ Kxg4 33.h3+ Kh5 34.Bf3+ Kh6 (Kh4 35.Qxh7 mate) 35.Qf8 mate.

32.Qg7 mate 1-0

White: NM Steve Cross (2245)
Black: SM Vladimir Strugatsky (2499)
Open Section Brilliancy
Catalan Opening [E02]
Annotated by NM Steve Cross

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Qxc4 b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 c5 9.Nc3 Rc8 10.Bg5!

So that if 10...h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.d5 ± or 11...Nxf6 12.Rad1 ±.

10...cxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qh4 0-0 13.Rfd1?!

A case of the wrong Rook. White should play 13.Rad1, to meet a later ...h6 with Bc1, without blocking the Queen's Rook.

13...Qe7 14.e4 Rfd8

If 14...h6?!, White can try the interesting sacrifice 15.Rxd7!? Qxd7 16.Bf6 gxf6 17.Qh6, with compensation.

15.e5!? Bxf3 16.exf6

If 16.Bxf3? Nxe5 17.Be4, Black has the pleasant choice between 17...h6 and 17...Rxd1+ 18.Rxd1 Nxe4! 19.Bxe7 Nf3+, and Black stands better. But not 17...Ng6?? 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Ne4 +-.

16...gxf6 17.Ne4?

The beginning of a faulty combinaton, based on the lines:

1) 17...fxg5 18.Nxg5 Nf6? 19.Bxf3 (threatening 20.Be4) Kg7! +=.

2) 17...Bxe4? 18.Bxe4 Nf8 19.Bxf6.

3) 17...Bxd1 18.Nxf6+ Nxf6 19.Bxf6 with the threat 20.Qg5+.

Note that if White's Rooks were now on d1 and f1, this combination would be sound, so Black may have had to retreat his Bishop to e7 instead of playing with his Queen there, after 13.Rad1.

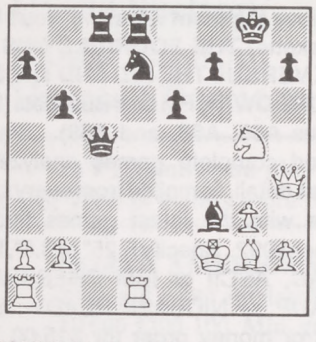
Correct now is 17.Bxf6, when Black has only a slight advantage, e.g.17...Qxf6 18.Qxf6 Nxf6 19.Bxf3 Bd4.

If 17.Bh6? Bxd1 18.Rxd1 f5.

18.Ng5 Bxf2+!

The refutation!

19.Kxf2 Qc5



If 20.Qd4, then 20...Bxg2, threatening 21...Qg5 -+.

If 20.Rd4, then the simplest is 20...Ne5!, attacking the Rook and defending f7, since there is no perpetual after 21.Qxh7+ Kf8 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Qh7+ Kf6 25.Qh4+ (25.Qh6+ Ng6) Kg6 and Black wins.

On 20.Rd4, 20...Qc2+! also wins, as in the game: 21.Kxf3 Ne5+ 22.Ke3 Nc4+ 23.Kf3 (23.Rxc4 Rd3+) Qf5+ 24.Qf4 Rxd4 or 24.Rf4 Rd3+ 25.Ke2 (25.Kf2 Qc5+) Rd2+ 26.Ke1 (26.Kf1 Ne3+) Qd3 27.Qxh7+ Qxh7 28.Nxh7 Rg2.

Still, 20.Rd4 was the best practical chance in time trouble, because of the traps if Black tries to win without calculating this far. For instance, if he goes after the pinned Rook with:

1) 20...h6? 21.Nxf3 e5 22.b4! Qc2+ 23.Rd2 +-.

2) 20...Nf8? (protecting h7) 21.Nxf3 e5 22.Qg5+! Ng6 23.b4! +-.

3) 20...Nf6? 21.Nxf3 e5 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Qxf6 exd4 24.Qh8+ +-.

20. Kf3 Ne5+ 21.Ke2 Qc2+ 22.Ke1 Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Nd3+ 24.Rxd3 Qxd3 25.Qf4 Qb1+ 26.Ke2 Rc2+ 27.Kf3 Qd1+ 28.Ke3 Qe2+ 0-1

White: Tom Dorsch (2240)
Black: Steve Cross (2315)
English Opening [A20]
Annotated by NM Steve Cross

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3

A kind of reverse Alekhine's.

2...e4 3.Nd4 Nc6 4.e3 Nf6

MCO mentions 4...Nxd4 5.exd4 Qf6 6.d5 Bc5 7.Qe2 Qg6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.d3 0-0 10.dxe4 Ng4, a promising pawn sacrifice.

5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Qc2?! Nxd4

Indirectly guarding the e-pawn.

7.exd4 0-0 8.Be2 d5 9.0-0 c6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.d3 Bf5 12.Bg5 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.Rac1 exd3 15.Bxd3 Ne4 16.Qb3 Bg4!

A double attack on the Rd1 and the Ng5, now that the Knight is unpinned. 17.f3?? would lead to the first of the smothered mates.

17.Nxd5 Bxd1 18.Rxc8 Qxd4!

18...Rxc8? 19.Nb6, and White gets the better of the desperado combination. Black wins on 18.Nb6? Rc1!

19.Rxf8+ Bxf8 20.Qxd1 Qxf2+ 21.Kh1 Nxg5

Black is winning. Bishops of opposite color favor the attacker in the middlegame.

22.Qc1 Ne6 23.h3 Qd4 24.Bc4 h6 25.Ne3 Nf4 26.Ng4 Qe4 27.Qf1 Bc5 28.a3 b5

Deflection (from f7).

29.Bxb5?

Makes Black's task easier without the h-pawn.

29...Nxh3 30.Bd7 Nf4 31.b4 Ne2 32.Qd1 Bd4 33.Qb3 h5 34.Nh2 Qb1+

And the second.

35.Qxb1 Ng3 mate 0-1

White: NM Mike Janniro (2201)
Black: SM Burt Izumikawa (2471)
English Opening [A36]
Annotated by NM Mike Janniro

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 c5 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 a6 9.h3 Rb8 10.f4

Books suggest a4 to stop the counterplay on the queenside.

10...Ne8

If 10...b5 11.e5 wins a Knight.

11.f5

Now if 11.a4, f5. White's kingside attack is halted and Black continues with ...Bd7, ...Nd4 and ...b5.

11...b5 12.Rb1

The queenside needs to be developed. 12.Qc2 e6 13.g4 exf5 14.gxf5 also seems to hold, but it looks very passive.

12...e6

Taking away the d5 square for the White Knight and threatening to win a pawn at f5. Exchangng the f5 pawn does not look good for White. After recapturing Black can play f5 at the correct moment.

13.g4 b4 14.Na4 Nd4

Again threatening the f5 pawn.

15.Nxd4 Bxd4+

Black's position seems better than White's, his pieces are better placed to take advantage of the pawn formation: White's pawn structure is under more pressure than Black's.

The next few moves increase the activity of the White position more than Black's: there should be something better for Black.

16.Kh1 exf5 17.gxf5 Ng7

Maybe 17...gxf5 followed by ...Kh8 and ...Rg8 would have been better.

18.Qg4 Bd7 19.b3 Qc8 20.Bf4

The Bishop move keeps the game alive.

20...gxf5 21.Qg3 Be5 22.Bxe5 dxe5 23.Qxe5 fxe5 24.Rg1

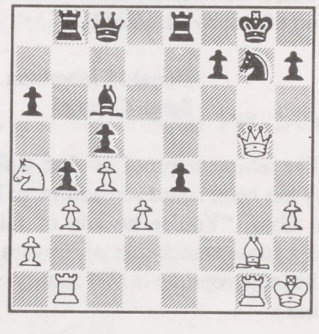
Possible was 24.Nxc5 Bxh3 25.Nxe4 Bf5 to keep the material even. But the White King is bare and the Black King is well defended, so I gave up the pawn to line a Rook up on the King.

24...Re8 25.Qg5

Looks like 25.Qg3 is better. I felt the Black King would soon be in danger so I was not interested in 25.Qxc5.

25...Bc6

Both sides are now looking for a mate, White at g7 and Black at h3.



26.Qg3

If 26.Bf1 e3+ 27.Kh2 Qc7+ 28.Rg3 f6 29.Qxf6 e2, looking good for Black.

26...Re6 27.dxe4 Rg6 28.Qh4

White can not allow the Black Knight to h5 and g3. Black only had five minutes for the next three moves.

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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Isn't it obvious that the man who is playing the "Revenge Match of the Century" against Boris Spassky is not Bobby Fischer but an imposter?

Consider this:

1. Would the real Bobby Fischer have played so many bad moves?

2. Does the man look like the Bobby we all remember?

3. Would the real Bobby Fischer have "spit" on the U.S. government, announce that he has paid no income taxes for many years, and then declare that he will continue to live in the U.S.?

So, where is the real Bobby Fischer?

You'll recall that Bobby forfeited his title of World Chess Champion in 1975 and promptly disappeared. The Fischer sightings since then are in the same category as Loch Ness monster reports.

What really happened was that, after FIDE stripped him of his title in 1975, Bobby died of the fatal form of frustration known as a hissy fit.

After Bobby was refused entrance to both heaven and hell (the Devil could not cope with Bobby's incessant demands) he was reincarnated as Gata Kamsky!!!

My proof:

1. Gata was born in 1975!

2. Gata is the current US Chess Champion, as was Fischer a number of times.

3. Bobby and Gata have never been seen together!

4. Finally, Gata and Bobby are the only chessplayers in history who have scored above 2900 on the P.P. rating list. Since no other chessplayer has ever been higher than 2500 on this "Prickly Paranoids" list, Gata Kamsky must be the reincarnation of Bobby Fischer!?!

Donald Lieberman
Santa Clara

P.S. The ultimate proof is that Rustam Kamsky has been heard screaming, in Russian, at Gata, "You're no son of mine!" (This is a loose translation of phrases that would be inappropriate in this quality chess magazine.)

Dear Editor:

The San Francisco Chronicle has demanded that one of the noblest Americans of them all, Bobby Fischer, be jailed because he "has moved against the legal ramparts of the United States" (editorial of September 3, 1992).

The legal ramparts of the United States are the Constitution and the revolutionary principles upon which it is based, not the dictates of any particular official, or of any clique of officials, or even of all the officials put together.

These ramparts have been attacked so violently by real neo-Nazis in recent administrations that they barely still stand. The Chronicle has been either despicably silent about these attacks, or else has acted like a berserk cheerleader exulting on the sidelines at the fall of rampart after rampart.

The replacement of the Eighth Amendment right to bail, with a system under which citizens can be imprisoned on a mere accusation whenever the capricious discretion of the judiciary allows it, is an attack on the legal ramparts of the United States. When the Second Amendment is reinterpreted to mean that private citizens have no rights whatsoever under it, that is an attack on the legal ramparts of the United States. But when Bobby Fischer plays chess, even in Yugoslavia, that is not an attack on the legal ramparts of the United States.

Displaying a shallow patriotism by howling for other Americans to be put behind bars is hardly a heroic defense of the principles the Chronicle claims it stands for. In fact, it's downright cowardly.

For Bobby Fischer to play chess in Sveti Stefan, Yugoslavia, is the free act of a free citizen, and for him to demonstrate his contempt for the intimidating drivel of capricious bureaucrats with momentary power who ordered him not to play chess is the proud act of a proud citizen. Both are endangered species. He isn't committing, or condoning, any atrocities anywhere (a disclaimer that can hardly be made for the current United States government itself, even with regard to its own citizenry). And, the ridiculously invidious definitions of illogical authoritarians notwithstanding, he isn't engaged in trade or commerce, any more than are reporters, lawyers, bankers, and other professionals who are gaining benefits from transactions in the same location.

The Chronicle, with its chronic unclarity on the concept, is confusing the United States with overtly fascist countries where an order from the government is absolute, and the citizen has no choice except to submit or else to be destroyed.

The attempt of the Chronicle and the New York Times, from which the Chronicle's story was copied, to portray Bobby Fischer as a paranoiac by, for instance, writing that he claimed Russia was stealing his books, without explaining that he was referring to copyright violations that almost everyone concedes occurred, is yellow journalism at its slimiest. To accuse him of being anti-Semitic because he is as critical of oppressors who are Jewish as he is of oppressors of any other sort is libelous.

To accuse him of being a fool begs the question of who is really being foolish—the people who still have the courage to oppose the arrogance of power in this country, or the people who think that the best way to cope with fascism is to ingratiate oneself with it.

Tom Stevens
Walnut Creek

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Reader's Games

by Richard Newey

First a little background on the '92 Stamer Tournament. In the first round, I was paired with Robert Haines (2312). To my great surprise, I was able to overcome a 675-point rating difference that was not in my favor, and get a draw! This explains how I got paired so high in round 2. The round 2 game, offered below, was even better. My first win ever against a Master! Maybe I just got lucky, but I think it is an interesting game and I hope you enjoy it. Incidentally, in winning the "B" prize with a score of 2-1/2, I had to face three Masters, an Expert, and an unrated player!

White: Richard Newey (1637)
Black: NM Bill Orton (2279)
Caro-Kann Defense [B16]
Annotations by Richard Newey

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6 gxf6

Which way to take back? A good question. Opening theory seems to be divided on this, with pluses and minuses for both 5...exf6 and 5...gxf6.

6.Be3

So I could play 7.Bd3 without losing a pawn.

6...Bf5 7.Bd3 e6

This is where we leave ECO for parts unknown. ECO's line is 7...Bg6 8.Ne2 Na6! 9.Qd2 Nc7 10.0-0-0 Nd5, which looks about equal. When I first saw ...e6, it looked like a blunder, but of course he will recapture with the Queen.

8.Bf5 Qa5+ 9.Qd2

My development is looking good!

9...Qxf5 10.Ne2 Nd7 11.0-0-0?!

An oversight! Although this loses a pawn for little if any compensation, Black must play carefully with the open g-file. As I have learned from my own games, sometimes an opponent's blunder can be frustratingly difficult to take advantage of. In other words, "it isn't over until it's over."

11...Qd5 12.Kb1!

I am convinced that this is better than moving the Knight or a pawn. After making a blunder, I must stay calm and search for the best moves.

12...Qxg2 13.Nf4!

I like this move, because it forces the Queen away without 13.Rdg1 Qf3, and the Rg1 canot move up on the file because of ...Qxh1+. Taking another move to protect with my Queen seems awkward and time-consuming, also allowing Black to play Bd6.

13...Qe4 14.Rhg1 Nb6

Sometime sooner than in the game, Black should have developed the Bishop and/or castled queenside. ...Bd6 or ...Be7 now would allow Rg7, but how much of a threat this is is unclear.

15.Qc3

With the threat of 16...d5.

15...Nd5

Puts an end to the above threat, but the Knight has moved three times and the Bishop not at all!

16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Rg4 f5?!

This may be OK, but it calls for careful treatment now that my Bishop has so much scope.

18.Rgg1 0-0-0 ??

Black may be in trouble even without this. His best chance may be 18...Be7, but this is unclear and needs more analysis.

19.Bg5!

Black's undeveloped Bishop is in the way, interfering with the two Rooks and Black has no good moves. White wins the exchange.

19...Bd6 20.Bxd8 Rxd8 21.Qh3 Qb5?!

All effort should go to defensive maneuvers.

22.Rd3

This ends Black's hopes of Ba3, etc., and now my queen is free.

22...c5?! 23.dxc5 Be5?

This allows the exchange of Rooks and Queens, and it's endgame time.

24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25.Qd3+ Qxd3 26.cxd3 Ke7 27.Rg2

To protect the f2-pawn after ...Bd4.

27...Bd4 28.b4 a5 29.c6!

I like this better than 29.a3 axb4 30.axb4 Bc3 31.b5 Bb4, etc., which may also be OK, but it doesn't look as promising to me.

29...bxc6 30.bxa5 Kd6 31.f3 Kc5 32.Rc2+ Kb5 33.a6 Kxa6 34.Rxc6 1-0

After this game, I treated myself to a nice lunch at a Chinese restaurant, and later enjoyed listening to the San Francisco Saxophone Quartet, which was playing on the sidewalk along Post Street.

Chess à la Carte

New Quads in the East Bay!

Dr. Pascal Baudry and his son Eric are organizing new monthly Quads in Walnut Creek. Berkeley Quads (formerly Walnut Creek Quads) and Richmond Quads continue on a monthly basis too, so East Bay players now have at least three Quads available every month.

Walnut Creek Quads are hosted downtown, at the Theatre Caffe, at the corner of North Main and Civic, a convenient five blocks from BART. Players can eithr play outside in the patio, or inside, in the air-conditioned cafe.

The parameters of the tournament are exactly the same as the Berkeley Quads: 30 moves in 30 minutes, Sudden Death in 30 minutes. Entry fees are the $12.00, with of course, $2.00 discount for CalChess members. The winner of each quad gets $24. Registration is on site only, from 10:30-10:50 am; no late entries. Games start at 11:00 am and end no later than 5:00 pm. For more information call Dr. Baudry, (510) 975-4165 or George Djordjecic at the Theatre Caffe, (510) 935-7779.

The next dates are Sunday, November 22, December 6, and in 1993 January 10, February 21, March 14, April 18, May 16, and June 27.

Twelve players showed up for the first edition of the Walnut Creek Theatre Caffe Quads, which was a good turn out, considering that the tournament had not been announced in Chess Life and had to rely on word-of-mouth. Tying for first in the top quad were **Mark Gagnon** (2160) and **Dr. Pascal Baudry** (2123), scoring 2.5 each. In Quad II there was a three-way tie between **Annette Caruso** (1800), **Sanjar Soleyman** (1700), and **Richard Newey** (1693), scoring 2-1 each. **Joseph Fitzpatrick** (1553) won the third quad outright with a perfect score.

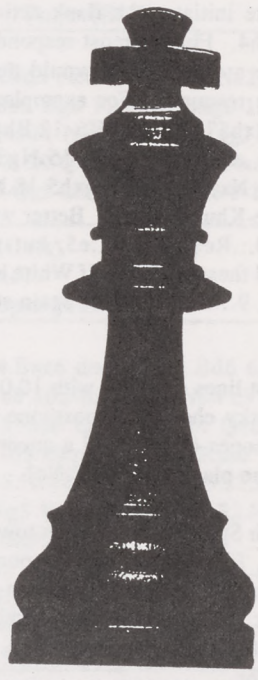
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Fischer Returns to Inspire Another Generation of Chess Players

by NM Peter Yu

White: GM Boris Spassky
Black: GM Robert Fischer
King's Indian Samisch [E84]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3

Spassky chooses the Samisch Variation against Fischer's King's Indian Defense. 5.f3 is a very annoying move for Black to meet, because it bolsters the center against immediate attack and attempts to minimize future counterplay. Developing from behind his formidable pawn center becomes natural with moves like Be3, Qd2, Bd3, Nge2 followed by a choice of castling directions. Black has to beware of a quick kingside offensive or a slower positional crush, both of which are available to the first player.

5...0-0 6.Be3 Nc6

Fischer chooses this tactical move, a variation which he played during his previous career. The Samisch-Panno, as this variation is often called, sets its eyes on White's weak d4-square.

7.Nge2 a6 8.Qd2 Rb8 9.h4 h5

White initiates the flank action with an early h4. Fischer must respond 9...h5 otherwise a quick 10.h5 would deny that defensive resource. For example, 9...b5 10.h5! Nxh5?! 11.g4 Nf6 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 e5 14.g5 Nh5 15.Ng3 Nxd4 16.Rxh5! Nxf3+ 17.Kf2 gxh5 18.Nxh5 as in Hurme-Khundt, 1981. Better would be either 10...Re8, or 10...e5, but the text avoids all these dangers. If White had chosen 9.g4, 9...b5 10.h4 h5! again stops the assault.

10.Bh6

Most lines continue with 10.0-0-0 b5, but Spassky chooses to postpone castling long in hopes of avoiding a queenside attack. Also playable was 10.Nc1.

10...e5

With Spassky's migration towards the kingside, Fischer correctly responds with central action. The way to bust an attack is to go for the center, since central control can cutoff your opponent's lines of communication.

11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.d5!?

IM John Watson has suggested 11...Na5 12.Ng3 c5!? Of course, almost any move in the opening gives rise to another variation. At this point, Fischer steers the game into uncharted theory.

12...Ne7 13.Ng3 c6 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.0-0-0 Be6

Fischer offers a gambit in order to get a jump on his attack. Although there appears to be no danger in taking the already weak d-pawn, White's under-developed state, stalled attack, and soon-to-be exposed King will be more than enough compensation for the brilliant Fischer. For example, 16.Qxd6 Qa5 17.Qd2 Rfd8 18.Qf2 Nd4 19.Bd3 Rbc8 20.Qf1 b5! -+.

16.Kb1 Ne8 17.Nd5 b5 18.Ne3 Rh8

Before Fischer can deploy his Queen, he prudently secures his Monarch against shots such as 18...Qb6 19.Nef5+.

19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Bd3 Nd4 21.Nd5

Spassky hopes Fischer will relieve some tension after 21...Bxd5 22.cxd5.

21...Qa7 22.Nf1 Nf6 23.Nfe3

Probably better was 23.Nxf6 Kxf6, since now Fischer can manuver his Knight to c5.

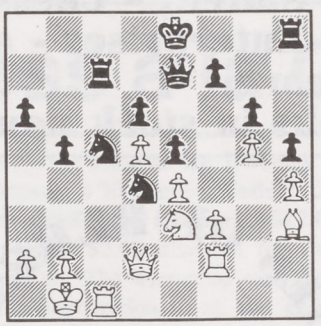
23...Bxd5 24.cxd5 Rbc8 25.Rcf1

Preparing a kingside attack.

25...Qe7 26.g4 Nd7 27.g5 Kf8! 28.Rf2 Ke8

Believe it or not, the center is a safer haven for Black's King due to White's threats of f4. Very few players will take such unexpected precautions in the middle of an otherwise normal game.

29.Bf1 Nc5 30.Bh3 Rc7 31.Rc1?



This must be a mistake, since Spassky never gets a tempo to capture the Black Queen.

31...Ncb3 32.axb3 Nxb3 33.Rc6 Nd2+ 34.Rxd2 Kf8 35.Rxa6 Ra7 36.Rc6 Kg7

Now that Fischer can release his last Rook, it should just be a matter of technique.

37.Bf1 Ra1+ 38.Kxa1 Qa7+ 39.Kb1 Qxe3 40.Kc2 b4 0-1

41.Be2 b3+ 42.Kc1 Ra8 43.Ba6 Qxf3, etc.

White: GM Bobby Fischer
Black: GM Boris Spassky
Ruy Lopez [E69]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 f6 6.d4 exd4

ECO gives 6...Bg4 as the main line, after which Black may equalize with 7.de5 Qxd1 8.Rxd1 fxe5 9.Rd3 Bd6 10.Nbd2 Nf6 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Nfe5 Be2 13.Re3 Bxc4 14.Nxc4 Bc5 15.Rf3 Nxe4.

A better try for Fischer would be 7.c3, and after 7...Bd6 8.Be3 Ne7 or Qe7, White can can secure a slight advantage with 9.Nbd2. In light of this, Black may steer for an unclear position with 7...exd4 8.cxd4 Qd7 9.Be3 0-0-0 10.Nbd2 g5 11.Qc2 Ne7 12.b4 Ng6 13.Rfc1 as in Gipslis-Shulman, USSR 1981.

7.Nxd4 c5 8.Nb3 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bg4 10.f3 Be6 11.Nc3 Bd6 12.Be3 b6 13.a4 0-0-0

Theory prefers 13...Kf7 14.a5 (14.Nd5 Rb8 15.a5 c4 16.Nd2 b5 17.b3 is unclear) c4 15.Nd4 b5 16.Nxe6 = (not 16.Nf5? Bxf5 17.exf5 Ne7 18.g4 h5 -+).

14.a5 Kb7 15.e5

Velimirovic-Matanovic, 1975 drew after 15.Bf4 Ne7 16.Bxd6 cxd6 17.axb6 Bxb3 18.cxb3 Kxb6. If 15.axb6, 15...cxb6 16.Bf4 Be7 17.Rxd8 Bxd8 18.Rd1 Bc7 also equalizes.

15...Be7 16.Rxd8 Bxd8 17.Ne4!?

White could have played 17.axb6 cxb6 18.Bxc5 Nh6! and still have the upper hand. Fischer's innovation may have surprised Spassky so much that he blundered the next move.

17...Kc6?

Better was 17...Bxb3 18.axb3. The text allows Fischer's attack to net at least a pawn.

18.axb6 cxb6 19.Nbxc5! Bc8

19...bxc5 allows Rxa6+, regaining a piece with a couple of pawns to boot.

20.Nxa6 fxe5 21.Nb4+ 1-0

Spassky will soon be down two pawns.

Getting Breakfast for Champions

Mom's Vacation at the World Youth Championship

By Randy Mont-Reynaud

So, what else is there to hear about the World Youth Championships that IM Jeremy Silman's culinary review in Chess Life (October issue) doesn't tell us? The event was a real eye opener to someone who is barely a class "D" player—and just a mom at that!

The bottom line, folks, is that our kids have alot of work head of them if they (and we) want to be competitive in world chess. The gold medalist in the "Boys Under 10" was from London, Luke McShane, fully six months younger than our American candidate, Jordy Mont-Reynaud. The silver medal was won by Alexander Grishuk, of Moscow, who was scarcely three months older than McShane—and there's no way either of them was born knowing a single refutation of the Scheveningen! Children and youths from other nations have, in a nutshell, more and better organized formal training.

What else is new? Here's more local color about the event that Silman omitted: one U.S. player had an adjourned game in which she was two pawns up: she lost the game the next morning. Although the responsibility for the loss rests with her, neither of the American coaches were available during the adjournment.

Another story had it that, as a result of one parents' efforts, a U.S. player was unofficially "adopted" by the coaches of two former Soviet states. With them, she went over her games and prepared for the next day...the American girl was paired against one of their own that day and won!

And one more incident, it appears that two American youngsters, both under twelve years old, wandered out of the city on a train by themselves and accepted a ride back in a car with a stranger! Do we need Grandmasters, or perhaps just better babysitters, at world class events?

On the whole, however, the scene was really impressive: children and youth from all over the world, in all shades and sizes, in saris, veils, shawls and Reeboks. The Indians outsmoked the Germans. Nobody defected—seems our economy has gotten a bit of bad press. A Polish arbiter said, yes, he actually said, that women didn't belong in the tournament halls! (I wonder what he'd do with Judith?) Fred Waitzkin, author of The Book on parenting a chess prodigy and father of Josh W. was there to reassure the rest of us parents that, in time, rooks would get castled, open files would be grabbed, and our hair would be as gray as his after all of this.

Now, here's one from the horse's mouth: The night before Round 1, at about midnight, I somehow got hold of a tournament bulletin which listed all of the players in each category, their nationalities and dates of birth. There I saw to my dismay that Jordy was listed in the Girls Under 10!! I ran to the tournament hall (only a mother would, right?) and found the head hacker responsible for the computer pairing program. He searched the pairing files and found that, indeed, my son was paired to play a girl in Round 1 for the next day! The programmer made the switch and thanked me for ensuring that the round would start on time. But I wasn't so sure. Indeed, back in my room, further study of the entries revealed a "girl" named "Mohammed"...!

It wasn't only stuff like this that made the competition in all categories particularly tough; this year the dissolution of the Soviet Union resulted in players from the different republics winning fifteen out of the thirty medals! To give you an idea of the challenges now and in the years to come, Russian master Sergei Rublevsky (2535) managed only fifth place in the "Boys Under 18". In "Boys Under 14", the Hungarian Peter Leko (2460) failed to take a medal; he finished fourth. Leko did, however, take first place in a Grandmaster blitz tournament that was held on one of the recess days. Our own Tal Shaked (2325) of Arizona finished with 6.5 points and tied for 13th out of 63. In the "Boys Under 16", the silver medalist, Peter Svidler of the former USSR, was taught by Dmitry Zernitsky, now living in Redwood City. Congratulations to Dmitry on the success of one of his former students—hopefully we'll see some future ones!

By the way, the Western United States was well-represented in numbers, if not in terms of performance. Northern and Southern California, Hawaii and Arizona contributed a total of seven players out of the eleven official U.S. delegates. But, the expense of travel made it impossible for Susan Urminska from Hawaii to compete. Nonetheless, although we are lacking the urban density of players, Grandmasters, and training centers, the West is producing, even out-producing, the East, in terms of the future of chess. What is disturbing, however, is that the West seems to garner far less than its share of support from national organizations; certainly far less than its talented youth merit!

White: Jennie Frenklakh (USA)
Black: Carmen Voicu (Romania)
Caro-Kann Panov[B13]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Ne2 Bg4 7.f3 Bh5 8.Bf4 e6 9.Nd2 Bd6 10.Be3 Bg6 11.Bxg6 hxg6 12.g3 Qc7 13.Nb3 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Ned4 Nc4 16.Nb5 Bxg3+ 17.Ke2 Qe7 18.Qc1 Bf4 19.Kd3 Be3 20.Qxe1 0-0-0 21.Nxa7+ Kb8 22.Nb5 Ne4 23.Kc2 Nf2 24.a4 Qg5 25.a5 Qf5 mate 0-1

White: Jordy Mont-Reynud (USA)
Black: Krzysztof Jasik (Poland)
Ruy Lopez [C69]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Be3 c5 10.Nb3 c4 11.Nd4 c5 12.Nde2 Qc7 13.f4 Bg4 14.e5 Bxe5 15.fxe5 Qxe5 16.Bf4 Qe6 17.Qd6 Bxe2 18.Qxe6 fxe6 19.Nxe2 Nd5 20.c3 Rac8 21.Rae1 b5 22.a3 h6 23.Bd6 Rfd8 24.Bg3 Re8 25.Nf4 Nc7 26.Re5 g5 27.Nh5 Nd5 28.Rfe1 Kf7 29.Bf2 Rc6 30.Ng3 Rec8 31.Ne4 a5 32.Bxc5 Nf4 33.Nd6+ Rxd6 34.Bxd6 Nd3 35.Rf1+ 1-0

White: Jennie Frenklakh (USA)
Black: Dessislava Dimova (Bulgaria)
King Pawn Opening [C20]

1.e4 e5 2.c4 Nc6 3.d3 Bc5 4.f4 Bxg1 5.Rxg1 Qh4+ 6.g3 Qxh2 7.Rg2 Qh3 8.f5 g6 9.Qf3 Nd4 10.Qf2 gxf5 11.Be3 Nc6 12.exf5 Qg4 13.Nc3 a6 14.Nd5 Kd8 15.Be2 Qg7 16.Bb6 Nd4 17.Nxc7 Rb8 18.Ne6+ 1-0

Around the State

Berkeley Club

The August tournament attracted fifty-three players. The format is play as often or as seldom as you like, and the five players in the 2000+ section opted for seldom, with **Paul Liebhaber** (2000) taking first with a win a draw in two games. **Alan Estes** (1864) topped the 1700-1999 section with 3.5 points. **Mohammed Poorsina** (1434) romped through the 1300-1699 with four straight wins. Newcomer **Alan Potosnak** (Unr.) went three for three in the Under 1300 section. Here are two short games from the tournament.

White: Eric Hicks (1931)
Black: Bill Karnegas (1817)
Siclian Najdorf [B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.Bb3 Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Bxe6 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bb3 Nc6 14.Qg4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Bg6 16.h4 h5 17.Qxg6 1-0

White: M.K.Saca (1896)
Black: Robert Smith (1891)
Caro-Kann [B15]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Ng3 c5 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 e5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.0-0

Saca intended to play 9.Qe2 but accidentally touched his King first.

9...exd4 10.Re1+ Be7 11.Nf5 Bxb5 12.Nxe7 Kf8 13.Qf3 Nc6 14.Nf5 Qd5 15.Qa3 Kg8 16.Nh6+ gxh6 17.Qg3+ Qg5 18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Qxg5+ Kf8 20.Qh6+ Kg8 21.Qxf6 d3 22.Re3 1-0

The September drew fifty-eight players in three sections. Top finishers in the 1800+ section were **NM Richard Kelson** (2397), **NM Steve Cross** (2245), and **Robert Smith** (1891) each with two points. In the 1400-1799 section, **Brendan MacIntyre** (1442) led the pack with 2.5 points. In the Under 1400 section, **Uwe Jacobs** (1322), **Josh Powell** (1269), **Dwight Kearney** (1291), and **Stephen Clarke** (1243) all collected three points. Below is one of the games from the event.

White: Robert Smith (1891)
Black: Alan Estes (1864)
QGD/Cambridge Springs [D52]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.Nd2 Bb4 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Bd3 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Qg5 12.0-0 b5 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.f4 Qh6 15.Rf3 g6 16.Rh3 Qg7 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Bxe4 f5 19.Bxc6 Rac8 20.Qb3 Bxc6 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Nxg6+ 1-0

Both tournaments were directed by **David Goldfarb** and **Alan Glasscoe**.

Berkeley Quads

Twenty-eight players competed in the August quads held at the Student Union on the U.C. campus. In the first group **NM Andy McManus** (2313), on summer vacation from Duke University, and **NM Mike Splane** (2308) had to share first place honors with 2.5 each. Their only draw was with each other. In the second section the rating difference between the top and bottom player was only forty-eight points, and the results were correspondingly close. **Sean Fitzpatrick** (2125) won the section with two points with two draws and a win. Tied for second were **Alan Kobernat** (2100) and **James C. Waide** (2077), each with an even score. Forty points was the spread in the third quad, but **Don Shennum** (2000), enjoying the home field advantage, could not be stopped. He sailed through the day with three points. **Mark Brown** (1973) came in second with 2-1. Another "home for the summer" player **Graeme Fordyce** (1864), who attends U.C. Santa Barbara, swept the fourth section with a perfect score. **David Goldfarb** (1901) gave up just one game to earn second place.

In Quad V **Brian Jew** (1847) also had a perfect day, winning all three of his games. The other three players, **Gilbert Chambers** (1824), **Riley Hughes** (1820), and **Dale Szpisjah** (1807) each scored one point. In the sixth quad **Ron Chestnut** (1768) scored 2.5-0.5 to win first place. Close behind was second-place finisher **Von Motschenbacher** (1562) with two points. In Quad VII **Lawrence West** (1367) of Etna travelled six hours to play and was not disappointed. He came in first place, giving up only one draw to **James Clark** (1297). Clark came in second.

The quads were directed by Cal Junior **Alan Tse**. Monthly quads are scheduled throughout the year.

Burlingame Club

The Swiss Action was a nine-round event held over three Thursday evenings, ending on September 3. **Scott Wilson** organized and directed this WRC (World Rapid Chess) Game/30 tournament. The first place Overall trophy went to **NM Ahmad Koopal** (2151) with 7-2. **Steve Olujic** (2059) came in second Overall with 6.5 points. Class winners were as follows:

1st Expert: **Guy Batraski** (2002); 1st "A": **Julian Standen** (1833); 2nd "A": **Gary Lambert** (1805); 1st "B" (on tiebreaks): **George Koloboff** (1773); 2nd "B": **Scott Wilson** (1668); 1st "C": **Jim Zamboukes** (1583); 2nd "C": **Glenn McEnroe** (1586); 1st "D/E/Unr." (on tiebreaks): **Eron Sudhausen** (Unr.); 2nd "D/E/Unr.": **Michael McLoed** (Unr.).

The following week a Blitz Championship was held. **Scott Wilson** directed it as a modified swiss twelve-round event. (Ratings listed are Blitz ratings if available.) **NM Paul Gallegos** (2236) and **David Ruiz** (2075) tied with ten points each, so on a two-out-of-three playoff Gallegos won to secure the first-place trophy. **Ahmad Koopal** (2003) won the top Expert prize with 9.5 points. The next three prizes were won by the youngest players in the tournament. Nine-year old **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1812) win the "A" prize with 7.5 points. Fourteen-year old **Harish Bhat** (1703) won the "B" prize with 7-5, and his younger brother, eight-year old **Vinay Bhat** (1582) won the "C" prize with an an even 6-6.

Daly City Club

On Saturday, August 29th **Dmitry Karshtedt** and **Brian Jew** played a simul against the club members. Senior Master **Ron Cusi** played sixteen players simultaneously on Saturday, October 3rd. **Ren Yee** is the program coordinator and is assisted by instructor **David Gibson** and coaches **Derace Kim**, **Jose Trotter**, and **Ernie Tolentino**. A new class for juniors will begin October 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and will run on consecutive Saturdays until December 19th. Classes meet upstairs at the Serramonte Library.

Fresno Club

The Fresno Amateur '92 was held the weekend of September 12-13. The players were divided into two groups. With the split between the sections being decided the morning of the tournament, the "B" players showed up not knowing whether they would end up at the bottom of Section I or the top of Section II. The top section ended up consisting of Experts, "A"s and "B"s. Masters were excluded. This was a John Charles Barnard event.

Alan Bishop (2035) scored 3.5-0.5 to secure first place. Tied for second with 3-1

were **Ed Elizondo** (2065), **Eric Woro** (1827), **Charles Dodd** (1813) and **Diane Barnard** (1788). In Section II **Michael Hubble** (1491) ended up half a point over the rest of the field to win first place. Close behind were **Joe Millares** (1596) and **Karl Bohlmann** (1569), and **Kurt Herra** (1137) finishing with 3-1 each. **Oscar Cabantac** (1247) was the top "D" player with 2.5-1.5.

Hayward Club

The annual Club Championship was held over the summer. **Jay Blodgett** and **Frisco Del Rosario** directed the tournament which was an eight-rounder, two games per evening, Game/30 each. **Rahim Gran** (2050) had to be the sentimental favorite going into the tournament as he was the 1990 and 1991 Club Champion. But after six rounds the leader was **Frank Brunet**, a visiting student from France who was listed with an estimated 1700 rating, but was playing more like a 2000 player, and he had already played most of the higher-rated players. Fortunately he was stopped in the nick of the time, and **Faruk** (2000) won the championship half a point ahead of Brunet. The new champion's name has been added to the Club trophy and it will be his to keep until next year's championship.

Kolty Club

The Kolty Open was held from August 6-September 3. **Liz Neely** (2214) impressively swept the top section with a 5-0 score. **Bruce Matzner** (1902) earned second place with 4-1. Tied for third place were Michael Da-Cruz (1939), **Gary Schuster** (1814), and **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1800). **Donovan Dyer** (1264) won the Under1600 section, giving up only one draw. **John Vargas** (1166) trailed by just half a point to win second place. With no 3.5 scores, **Art Gardner** (1487), **David Driedger** (1341) and **Ed Rendler** (1235) shared third place scoring 3-2 each. **Julie** and **Neil Regan** were the directors.

Merced Action Amateur

John Charles Barnard organized and directed this Under 2200 event and sent in the following results:

1st: **John Charles Barnard** (2187); 2nd: **Vladimir Timoshenko** (Unknown); 1st "A": **Timothy Trogdon** (1923); 1st-3rd "B": **Diane Barnard** (1788), **Tony Dykxhoorn** (1720), and **Kevin Storms** (1719); 1st "C": **Arthur Dykxhoorn** (1420); 1st "D": **Bill Thomas** (1214); 1st "E": **Arlene Motschenbacher** (1038).

Modesto Club

The "Thurdsay Knight Fights II" was held from 7/30/92-8/27/92. Twenty-four players competed in the five-round two-section swiss battle. In Section I **Diane Barnard** (1788) won first with 4-1. Tied for second were **John Charles Barnard** (2187) and **Joseph C. de Leon** (1900) 3.5-1.5.

In Section II **Mike Hubble** (1491) tied for first with **Corbett Carroll** (Unr.), each scoring 4-1. Hubble won the trophy on tie-breaks. **Mike Hosford** (1519) earned third place honors with 3-2. The "Best Game" plaque was won by **Robert Raingruber** (2059) for the game below:

White: Robert Raingruber (2059)
Black: JoseIgnacio Guerrero (1863)
King's Indian Defense [A16]

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. g3 Bg4 5. f3 Bd7 6. Bg2 e5 7. Nge2 Nc6 8. d3 a5 9. 0-0 Bg7 10. f4 Ng4 11. h3 Nf6 12. f5 Ne7 13. g4 c6 14. Be3 gxf5 15. exf5 h6 16. Ng3 Qc7 17. Qd2 d5 18. Bc5 d4 19. Nce4 Nc8 20. Rae1 Kd8 21. Re2 Nxe4 22. Nxe4 f6 23. Ng3 Be8 24. Ne4 b6 25. Ba3 Ra7 26. h4 c5 27. b3 Nd6 28. Ng3 b5 29. cxb5 Nxb5 30. Bb2 Rg8 31. Bd5 Rh8 32. Rc1 Qd6 33. Bc4 Nc7 34. Ne4 Qc6 35. Ba3 Bf8 36. Rg2 Nd5 37. Bxd5 Qxd5 38. Bxc5 Bxc5 39. Rxc5 Qf7 40. Rxa5 Bc6 41. Qb4 Qc7 42. Rxa7 Qxa7 43. Qd6+ Qd7 44. Qxf6+ Kc7 45. Qe5+ Kxb7 46. Nc5+ 1-0

On 8/20/92 a Quick-Chess contest was held. More slugfests and upset fights! **John Charles Barnard** (2054) gave up only two draws to win clear first with 5-1.

Joseph C. de Leon was chief director of the two events and was assisted by Club President **Robert Raingruber**.

Visalia Club

Allan Fifield, President of the club sends in the following report:

The Club Round Robin tournament was won by **Jon Cobbs** (1635) with a score of 4-1. Second place was shared by **Ben Levy** (1548) and **Lewis Martinez** (1530) each with 3.5-1.5. The chance to play in a round robin was thoroughly enjoyed by all of the players, and no one forfeited any of their games.

The "Unnamed Monster" tournament was played at the new Game/15 time control. Again **Jon Cobb** (1635) won, with a score of 3-1. Jon recently returned to tournament chess after several years and is rapidly improving his rating of 1635.

Ben Levy won the top quad in the "Visalia Quickie", a G/15 event. Ben rated at 1548 was the lowest rated in quad and upset an Expert, "A", and "B" player on his way to a perfect victory. The Swiss Section was won by **Lewis Martinez** (1530) with 3.5-0.5. **Louis Spate** (1293) prevented a perfect score for Lewis with a dramatic stalemate.

Karl Bohlmann directed all three of the tournaments.

Yountville Amateur '92

Twenty-one players, competed in this Under 2200 event held September 12-13. **John Charles Barnard** organized and directed the event at the Veteran's Home. Tied for first place were **Bill Haines** (2114), **John Romo** (2117), and **Clarence Lehman** (2100). **Michael Don Jones** (1965) was the first-place 'A' finisher with **Mark Weeks** (1919) and **Robert Hicks** (1800) tying for second. **Richard Newey** (1637) won the 'B' section, and **Bob Clayton** (1700) and **Richard McCullough** (1625) tied for second place. In the combined 'C/D/E' section **Bleys Rose** (1561) led the field. Tied for 2nd-4th were **Von Motschenbacher** (1591), **Mark Harris** (1549), and **John Raisler** (1332).

Book Review

by NM Tom Dorsch

IMPACT OF GENIUS: 500 Years of Grandmaster Chess by R. E. Fauber. 390 pp., algebraic, 229 annotated games, $19.95 paperback, $29.95 hardcover. Available from I.C.E., P.O. Box B-19457, Seattle, WA, 98109 (call 1-800-26-CHESS).

"Impact of Genius" is history professor and chess aficianado R. E. Fauber's lithe and informed survey of 500 years of chess history, weaving a tapestry that includes annotations of 229 of the best games ever played, biographical sketches of the masters, and an analysis of the contributions each generation made to the game.

The fresh annotations to many classics, plus the profiles of the masters, makes an excellent and entertaining read, further illuminated by historian Fauber's overview of the cultural and social milieu within which the games were played.

Even students of the game will find new anecdotes about their favorite players, new insights into familiar masterpieces, and better appreciation of the interaction between the artist and his ambience. Either the biographical profiles of all the best players or the annotations of classic games is well worth the purchase price. Hats off to Fauber for a magnificent achievement, a well-written book that both instructs and entertains.

Burlingame Round-Robin

Each summer the Burlingame Club holds a five-round Round Robin Tournament. Given a generous schedule of seven weeks to complete the five games in order to accommodate players' vacations, the pace slows down a bit, but the competitive spirit is probably at its fiercest. Unlike the typical swisses, where you often are playing people somewhat higher and/or somewhat lower than your rating for most of the rounds, in the round robin each player faces his five closest-rated peers.

Tournament Director **Herb Rosenbaum** gave us our assignments on the first evening of the event. The top section consisted of masters and experts. **Guy Batraski** (2036) triumphed over the two masters to win the section with four points. **NM Peter Thiel** (2334), on summer break after graduating from Stanford University School of Law, and **NM Tom Dorsch** (2203) tied for second with three points each.

In Section II **Jim Seals** (2011) led the pack with his 3.5 result. This was probably the most closely-rated and evenly-matched group as there was a three-way tie for second place between **Carolyn Withgitt** (1879), **Mark Schneider** (1912), and **Julian Standen** (1815). They each scored 2.5 points. In an effort to break the tie to determine the winner of the cherished second place trophy a five-minute play-off was scheduled. Unfortunately Schneider didn't show up at the designated time, probably due to a mis-communication, so Standen and Withgitt duked it out. Needless to say, neither one of them could win two out of three, and after two weeks of play-off competition, (we lost track of how many games we played), Standen suggested to cut the trophy in half. A fitting prize for each of them!

Section III was also a tough group. **Mike Vasquez** (1816) triumphed with 4-1. Close behind was **Herb Rosenbaum** (1825). Section IV was led by then eight-year old **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1790). Managing to play in two Thursday night club championships (in two separate counties!) simultaneously, he cooly demonstrated why he is the top-ranking nine-year old (his birthday was in September) in the country, and also one of the most active players. His score of 4-1 was good enough to win first place. **Charles Clark** (1701) won second place with 3.5-1.5.

Cecilio Draculan (1701) won first place in Section V on tie-breaks over **Glenn McEnroe** (1686), each of them scoring 3.5 points. In Section VI **Von Motschenbacher** (1690) was the only player (among all of the forty-eight participants) to win all of his games. **Robert Yokota** (1561) came in second place with 3-2. **Bruce Jewett** (1493) and **Clarence Beale** (1504) tied with 3.5 each in Section VII. On playoffs Jewett won the first-place trophy. **Kent Rose** (1141) won Section VIII with four points. **Chris Campbell** (1143) came in second place.

Below is a game from Section II.

White: Greg Phillips (1850)
Black: Jim Seals (2011)
Dutch Leningrad [A81]
Annotated by Jim Seals

1.d4

White's best attempt to avoid mate in two.

1...f5

This was my first tournament experience with the Dutch. The idea is to commit early to a kingside attack.

2.g3

White's answer to vigorously defend on the kingside.

2...Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3

Up to now I was aiming for the Leningrad Variation: 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 with the idea of allowing the QB a larger scope than in the other Dutch variations. 4.Nc3 keeps the c-pawn from supporting the thematic d5 pawn thrust. Also playable is 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 ... 6.b3 += ECO.

4...Bg7 5.Nh3 0-0 6.0-0 d6

The thematic move in the Leningrad Variation. I might have gone home early with 6...e5 7.dxe5 Ng4 8.Bf4 (8.f4!?) c6 9.Qd6 Qe1 =+.

7.Nf4

Better is 7.Qd3.

7...c6

Correctly, I avoided 7...e5 8.dxe5 (8.Nd3 e4=+ or 8.Nd5 c6 =+) dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Nfd5 and 11.Ne7+! is better for White.

8.Nd3

ECO gives: 8.d5 cxd5 9.Nfxd5 Nxd5 10.Qxd5+ Kh8 11.e4 Nc6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Qd2 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Qa5 15.c3 Ne5 =.

8...Ng4

8...Ne4 threatens Bxd4 and 8...Nbd7 9.f4 c5 yield equality.

9.h3 Nh6

A great Blitz game try might be 9...e5 10.hxg4 exd4 with two pawns and attack for the King Knight.

10.Bxh6

10.e3 d5! leaves a bad Bishop. 10.Be3 Nf7 is followed by e5 =+.

10...Bxh6 11.e3 Qc7 12.Qe1

To avoid the Rd8 pin.

12...e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.f4 Nd7 15.Kh2 e4

15.fxe5 was needed even though it gives the Queen Knight a good square. Now the kingside is sealed off and several of White's pieces will snooze or wander around.

16.Nf2 Nb6 17.Qd2 Be6 18.Rfd1 Bg7 19.Qe1 Nc4 20.b3??

Much better is 20.Rdb1.

20...Na3

There are three kinds of mathematicians, those who can count, and those that can't.: 20...Qa5 21.Ne5 Qxe1 22.Rxe1 Ne3 -+.

21.Rac1 Rad8 22.Nb1! Rxd1 23.Nxd1 Nxb1 24.Rxb1 Rd8 25.Nf2 c5?!

A clever move to lock in my King Bishop.

26.c4 a6 27.Bf1 g5?!

Hope to pressure on g3 and open the g-file to attack White's King.

28.Rd1 Re8?

28...Rxd1 was the only move. Now I'm losing.

29.Qd2 gxf4 30.gxf4 Qf7

Another bad idea—trying to get the Queen to f6.

31.Be2 Qf6 32.Bh5 Bf7?

This lets the Queen in and exchanges another piece in a bad position.

33.Bxf7+ Qxf7 34.Qd5! b6

34...Qxd5 35.Rxd5 loses a pawn.

35.Nh1 Re6 36.Ng3 Rf6 37.Qd8+

37.Qa8+!.

37...Bf8 38.Qd5

38.Qc8!

38...Rd6??

I should have continued to hold the position. I knew this would lose a pawn, but only a pawn. With his Queen on the board I stood to lose more. I'm only playing for a draw now.

39.Qxf7+ Kxf7 40.Rxd6 Bxd6 41.Nxf5 Bf8 42.Kg3 b5 43.Kg4 Kg6

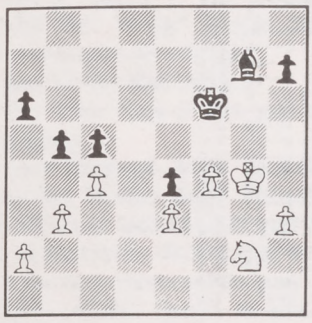
I offered Greg a draw here, because he had only seconds left to make the forty-five-move time control.

44.Nh4?

At last! Greg makes a bad move under severe time pressure.

44...Kf6 45.Ng2 Bg7?

I knew Greg would probably be asked to seal his next move. I didn't want to be the one to seal. Also, this move might give my king a well needed kick in the butt. I felt that the game was lost for Black but I wanted to look it over before resigning.



I analyzed two possibilities:

a) 46.f5! wins right away for White: 46...Ke5 47.Nf4 Bh6 and 48.Nd5 protects the White King pawn at e3 and Black will be forced to trade his last piece to stop the advance of the f-pawn.

b) 46.h4 h5! draws. E.g. 47.Kh5 Kf5 allows 48...Bc3 which will keep the White Knight defending e3 while the White King is trapped on the h-file, with no way to promote either the Rook pawn or Bishop pawn. If 47.Kg3 the White King and Knight are trapped on the side of the board.

The only other way to draw is with the White King at h7, White pawn at h6, the White Knight at g2, and the Black King at h5, and Black Bishop at d2. If the White King comes to g7, then Black's Bishop checks on c3 and keeps the White King in line. If the White's f-pawn advances the Black King snips it off.

46.Kh5

Naturally Greg picks a reasonable move which I didn't analyze. I decided that this was a 'wait and see' move which left all options open. If I could get King and Knight moves restricted at h4 then I could steer for the draw by keeping the White King on the h-file.

46...Bf8

To get 59 e7 and attack h4.

47.a3 bxc4

I needed to resolve this in any case to lock the queenside and hold the draw.

48.bxc4 Be7?

This allows 49.Kh6 Bd7 50.Kxh7 Kf7 51.Kh6 Kf6 52.Kh5 Kf5 53.Nh4+ Kf6 54.Kg4. But fear entered the game at this point and Greg played safe.

49.Kg4? Bd8! 50.Kg3 Ba5 51.Kf2 Bc3 52.Ke2 Bb2 53.a4 Ke6 54.Kd2 Bf6 55.Kc2 h5 56.Kb3 h4 57.Ne1 Bd8 58.Nc2

FIDE Fever

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Black suceeds in gaining a tempo and uses the move to shut out White's overbearing fianchettoed Bishop.

22.d4 g5 23.f4 Ng6 24.e3 h5 25.Rf2!

White's tired of Black's incessant advances and makes a very fine move. Not only does Rf2 allow a defense along the second, it also prepares the annoying Bf1.

25...Ne8 26.Bf1 Raa7 27.Qb4

White now threatens to win with the unstoppable a5-Na4-a6-a7 etc. The question remaining is how can Black effectively conjur more serious threats of his own.

27...h4 28.a5 hxg3 29.hxg3 Nf6!? 30.Na4 gxf4 31.gxf4 Ng4 32.Qb8

Both sides have infiltrated their respective flanks. But can Black's mating attack succeed after exchanging Queens?

32...Ra8!

Remember, every tempo is crucial.

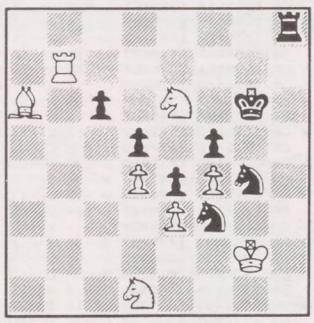
33.Qxd8+ Rxd8 34.Rfb2 Nh4 35.Be2 Bf8!

This move guarantees one Black Rook safe passage to the key h-file entryway.

36.Rb7 Bc8! 37.Rxf7 Kxf7 38.a6 Bxa6! 39.Bxa6 Nf3+

With White's threat eliminated and an important defender gone, Black has the perfect opportunity to justify his piece sac.

40.Kg2 Bxc5 41.Nxc5 Rh8 42.Rb7 Kg6 43.Ne6



43.Nd7! preserves a draw, after which 43...Rh2+ 44.Kg3 Rh1 45.Nf8+ Kf6 46.Nd7+ and both sides must call a truce. Even if White abandons his perpetual with 43.Nd7! Rh2+ 44.Kg3 Rh1 45.Be2, Black forces the draw after Rg1+-Rh1+-Rg1+ etc.

43...Rh2+ 44.Kg3??

By avoiding the draw now, White unintentionally walks into a mating net.

44...Nf6! 45.Nf8+ Kh6 0-1

White: NM Paul Gallegos (2200)
Black: NM Mark Pinto (2228) [2210 FIDE]
Sicillian Taimanov [B47]
Annotated by NM Mark Pinto

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3!? Nf6 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.Nb3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0!?

9...d6 was better.

10.f4 d6 11.Be3 b5 12.a3?!

Better was e5.

12...Bb7 13.g4 Rfe8 14.g5 Nd7 15.f5! Nce5 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.Nd4 Bf8 18.Bh3 Nc5 19.b4 Nc4! 20.Bc1 e5! 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 exd4 23.bxc5 Qxc5 24.Be6+ Kh8 25.Kh1?! g6! 26.Rf7 Bg7 27.Rxg7 Kxg7 28.Qg4 Ne5 29.Qe4 Rf8 30.Bf4 Rxf4! 31.Qxf4 Rf8 32.Qe4 Qc3 33.Rb1 Rf2 34.Rd1 Nf3 0-1

White: NM Mark Pinto (2228) [2210]
Black: NM Mike Splane (2308)
Modern Defense [B06]
Annotated by NM Mark Pinto

1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.f4 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.Bd3 d6 7.Nxd4 Bxd4

7...cxd4.

8.Ne2 Bg7 9.c3 Bd7 10.0-0 e6 11.Bc2 Ne7 12.d4 0-0 13.Be3 cxd4 14.Bxd4 e5 15.Be3 Bb5 16.f5! f6 17.Bb3 Kh8 18.c4 Bc6 19.Nc3 gxf5 20.exf5 Qd7 21.Qh5 Qe8 22.Qh3 Rg8 23.Rf2 a5 24.Rd1 a4 25.Bc2 Qf7 26.Ne4! Nc8 27.b3 d5 28.cxd5 Bxd5 29.Rxd5! Qxd5 30.Qh4!?

30.Qh5! Ne7 31.Ng5!.

30...Rf8 31.Rd2 Qf7 32.Bc5 Ne7

32...Re8 33.Bd1.

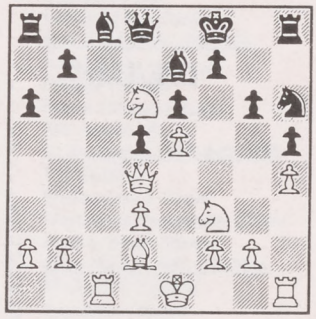
33.Nd6 Qg8 34.Nb7 Rfb8 35.Nd6?

35.Qe4, playble last move.

35...axb3 36.Bxb3 Rxb3 37.axb3 Qxb3 38.h3? Nf5! 39.Qe4 Ra1 40.Kf2 Qg3 41.Ke2 Re1 0-1

White: NM Mark Pinto (2228) [2210]
Black: NM Paul Gallegos (2200)
French Winawer [C17]
Annotated by NM Mark Pinto

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Bd2 cxd4 6.Nb5 Be7?! 7.Qg4! g6 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Nb4?! 10.Qxd4 Nxd3+ 11.cxd3! a6 12.Nd6+ Kf8 13.h4 h5 14.Rc1 Nh6?



15.Bxh6+ Rxh6 16.Qf4 Rh7 17.Ng5 Bxg5 18.hxg5 Bd7 19.g4 h4 20.Rxh4! 1-0

Labor Day Crosstables

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"B"

1	JUAN, JOHN R	CA	1853*a7	1905*A4	W--18	W---7	D--13	W--17	W--10	W---4	5.5
2	GROSS, MATTHEW R	CA	1717*B7	1775*a4	L--30	W--37	W--23	W---6	W--18	W--10	5.0
3	BARKER, ROBERT A	CA	1740*B0	1771*B2	D--32	D--23	W--41	W--11	D--16	W--14	4.5
4	KARSHTEDT, DMITRY	CA	1701*b2	1759*b7	D---9	W--45	W--33	W--13	W---8	L---1	4.5
5	MARSHALL, JERRY D	CA	1637*b0	1685*b2	L--10	X----	W--43	W--34	W--19	D---9	4.5
6	MONT-REYNAUD, JOR	CA	1837*B9	1837*B9	W--40	H----	D--26	L---2	W--35	W--16	4.0
7	WUEHLER, RALF	CA	1787*B7	1797*B7	W--28	L---1	W--29	L--16	W--17	W--23	4.0
8	NEWTON, MAURICE	CA	1785*B7	1791*B7	W--44	L--10	W--12	W--26	L---4	W--19	4.0
9	KUBA, J C	CA	1757*B2	1765*B2	D---4	W--38	L--17	W--36	W--28	D---5	4.0
10	GAFFAGAN, STEVEN	CA	1720*b0	1754*b5	W---5	W---8	W--34	W--19	L---1	L---2	4.0
11	MEADOWS, JOHN W	CA	1668*b4	1710*b6	W--15	W--14	L--19	L---3	W--24	W--18	4.0
12	MATAM, SRINIVAS S	CA	1610* 0	1667*C5	W--27	D--26	L---8	D--22	W--21	W--25	4.0
13	REYES, JIMMY Y	CA	1769*b0	1771*b2	W--41	W--20	D---1	L---4	L--14	W--27	3.5
14	TEMPLER, ERNEST S	CA	1741*b2	1747*b4	W--36	L--11	W--35	D--28	W--13	L---3	3.5
15	WILSON, S SCOTT	CA	1705*B4	1710*B4	L--11	L--16	D--27	W--40	W--36	W--30	3.5
16	RAMSEY, STEPHEN L	CA	1667*C7	1706*b4	L--33	W--15	W--25	W---7	D---3	L---6	3.5
17	ARJMAND, ENAYATUL	CA	1657/10	1722/16	W--31	D--33	W---9	L---1	L---7	W--26	3.5
18	ROBBELOTH, WILLIA	CA	1771*B0	1757*B0	L---1	W--44	W--32	W--21	L---2	L--11	3.0
19	PELLERIN, ROBERT	CA	1699*b2	1691*b2	W--42	W--30	W--11	L--10	L---5	L---8	3.0
20	MC CULLOUGH, RICH	CA	1674*b6	1691*b6	W--39	L--13	H----	D--33	W--22	U----	3.0
21	KASTOR, MARCUS S	CA	1661*B2	1655*B2	D--45	W--24	H----	L--18	L--12	W--38	3.0
22	GOMEZ, JOHN	CA	1645*b0	1643*b0	L--35	D--36	W--38	D--12	L--20	W--37	3.0
23	MERRITT, ROBERT W	CA	1618*C5	1644*C7	D--43	D---3	L---2	W--44	W--33	L---7	3.0
24	SIERRA, FRANCISCO	CA	1603*b0	1620*b0	H----	L--21	W--40	D--25	L--11	W--35	3.0
25	VAZQUEZ, ERASMO	CA	1760*b0	1719*b0	H----	H----	L--16	D--24	W--38	L--12	2.5
26	FORSBERG, KARL E	CA	1700*B2	1700*B2	W--37	D--12	D---6	L---8	D--30	L--17	2.5
27	HOLMES, JOHN M	CA	1695*C0	1672*C0	L--12	L--41	D--15	W--45	W--43	L--13	2.5
28	FERRANTE, JOSEPH	CA	1690*B5	1698*B5	L---7	W--31	W--30	D--14	L---9	U----	2.5
29	WOOLUM, ALBERT E	CA	1666*b2	1649*b2	L--34	W--39	L---7	L--38	W--44	H----	2.5
30	PIGG, CHARLES	CA	1600*b0	1611*b0	W---2	L--19	L--28	W--32	D--26	L--15	2.5
31	FEND, JOHN R	CA	1768*a4	1750*a4	L--17	L--28	W--45	W--41	U----	U----	2.0
32	WU, EUGENE	CA	1728*C5	1688*C5	D---3	D--43	L--18	L--30	D--41	H----	2.0
33	FUSTER, URSULA	CA	1710*B6	1700*B6	W--16	D--17	L---4	D--20	L--23	U----	2.0
34	WATERS, GEORGE	CA	1695*B5	1693*B5	W--29	W--35	L--10	L---5	U----	U----	2.0
35	NEWEY, RICHARD H	CA	1693*a5	1663*a5	W--22	L--34	L--14	W--43	L---6	L--24	2.0
36	SLAVENS, LEE	CA	1673*b0	1645*b0	L--14	D--22	W--42	L---9	L--15	H----	2.0
37	HIMES, HAROLD MOR	CA	1619*C2	1584*C2	L--26	L---2	L--44	B----	W--40	L--22	2.0
38	CURRY, BETTY	CA	1563*c5	1543*c5	B----	L---9	L--22	W--29	L--25	L--21	2.0
39	CUELLAR, MICHAEL	CA	1707/10	1601/13	L--20	L--29	H----	L--42	B----	U----	1.5
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28	KHAMKAR, SUSHEEL	CA	1101/09	1003/14	L--19	L--14	L--10	B----	L--21	L--24	1.0
29	KAVANAUGH, BENJAM	CA	0	717/05	L---4	L--17	L--23	L--24	L--22	X----	1.0

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28...Qf8 29.Rbf1 Re8

29...Ne6 should be considered.

30.Nb6 Rxg2

Time control...Black did not see White's thirty-third move.

31.Rxg2 Rxe4 32.Qg3

The g5 square is bad. 32.Qg5 h6 33.Qxh6 Re6 34.Qg5 Bxg2+ 35.Qxg2 Rxb6 and Black's up a Knight.

32...Re6 33.Nd5 Rg6 34.Qe5

The White King is now safe and up the exchange.

34...Kh8 35.Rxg6 hxg6 36.Rf6 Bd7 37.Rf4 Be6 38.Kh2 Bxd5 39.cxd5 Kh7 40.d6 Nf5 41.d7 Qd8 42.Rxf5 gxf5 43.Qe8 Qc7+ 44.Kg2 Qc6+ 45.Kf2 Qd6 46.d8Q

A few more checks and the game is over.

46...Qh2+ 47.Kf3 Qxh3+ 48.Kf4 Qh2+ 49.Kxf5 Qh5+ 50.Ke4 f5+ 51.Kd5 1-0

White SM Richard Lobo (2420)
Black: NM Ivan Roa (2248)
Open Section Honorable Mention
Queen's Gambit [D35]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nge2 b6 9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5 bxc5 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Rfd1 h6 13.Bh4 Qb6 14.Rac1 Bc6 15.Ng3 Rfe8 16.Nf5 Bf8 17.Bg3 Ne5 18.Bf1 g6 19.Nh4 Rac8 20.Re1 c4 21.Red1 Rb8 22.Rb1 Qa5 23.Be2 Rb6 24.h3 Bg7 25.Nf3 Nfd7 26.Nd4 Ba8 27.Rd2 Nc5 28.Be5 Bxe5 29.Rbd1 Reb8 30.Qc1 Na4 31.Nxa4 Qxa4 32.b3 cxb3 33.Nxb3 Qh4 34.Bf3 Rf6 35.Nd4 Qg5 36.Qa3 a6 37.Rc2 Bd6 38.Qa4 Qe5 39.Qa6 Bb7 40.Qb5 Qh2 41.Kf1 Be5 42.Qa4 Ba6 43.Ke1 Qg1 44.Kd2 Qf2 45.Ne2 Rf3 0-1

White: Maurice Newton (1785)
Black: Steve Ramsey (1676)
'B' Section Brilliancy
Sicilian Najdorf [B86]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Be7 8.0-0 b5 9.a3 0-0 10.Bg5 Re8 11.f4 e5 12.Nf5 Bf8 13.fxe5 Bxf5 14.Bxf6 Qb6+ 15.Kh1 Bg6 16.Nd5 Qc5 17.Qf3 Ra7 18.Bg5 Rxe5 19.Be3 Bxe4 20.Bxc5 Bxf3 21.Bxa7 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 Rxd5 23.Bxb8 Rd2 24.Rad1 Rxc2 25.Bxd6 Rxb2 26.Be5 Rc2 27.Rd8 f5 28.g4 1-0

White Ursula Foster (1761)
Black: George Waters (1657)
'B' Section Honorable Mention
QP Opening, Irregular Defense [A46]

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nbd2 c5 4.c3 d6 5.e4 Nc6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.0-0 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Qc2 Qc7 12.Nc4 h6 13.e5 Nd5 14.Re4 a5 15.Rg4 f5 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Rg6 h5 18.Rg5 Bd6 19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Be3 Rd8 21.Bxc5 Qc7 22.Bd4 Rf8 23.Re1 c5 24.Bxc5 Rd8 25.Qg6 Qxf7 26.Qxf7+ Kxf7 27.Ne5+ Ke8 28.Rxg7 Rd7 29.Nxd7 Bxd7 30.Rd1 Rb8 31.Re7+ Kd8 32.Re6 1-0



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Best wishes to all of our subscribers for a happy and successful New Year. May your ratings increase and your blunders decrease in 1993!

You may have noticed we exercised editorial legerdemain to correct a nagging problem. For the past two years or more the issue date of the magazine has been two to four weeks into the cover date period, i.e. the Oct/Nov issue was mailed at or around Halloween. For many reasons, it is good for the magazine to be mailed near the beginning of the cover date period. Our dedicated editorial staff—already taxed to the max by long hours, tedious work, and low pay—had little chance of making up the lost time, so the current issue is changed to Jan/Feb instead of Dec/Jan. Your next label will show an expiration date one month later than your current one.

Further note, the increased cost of producing and printing the magazine has put it in the red and necessitates a small price increase to balance the books. Effective 2/1/93, annual rates will go to $12 per year, $22 for 2 years, and $32 for 3 years.

1993 is shaping up as one of the best years in Northern California's chess history, with more quality events than ever before in U.S. chess' fastest-growing state. Our 1993 resolution: To continue CCJ's award-winning record of providing the most complete and up-to-date information available about chess tournaments you play in and players you know, and to make it as convenient and pleasant as possible for our readers to enjoy their favorite game.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading Ms. Randy Mont-Reynaud's article on the World Youth Championship ("Getting Breakfast for Champions," *CCJ, Oct/Nov '92*). Her concerns about the future of junior chess in this country were to the point. Many of the players in this country who have reached the GM and IM levels didn't have the benefit of systematic coaching. In the Bay Area alone, one can point to GMs deFirmian, Browne and Biyiasas. Although they show what one can do on one's own, it does make one wonder what could have been accomplished with proper training in the formative years.

The late Mikhail Tal once remarked that Larry Christiansen would have been a World Championship contender had he lived in the Soviet Union. Although I wouldn't count Larry out yet—he's 2625 and still improving—the point is clear. He didn't have the benefit of extensive coaching when he was in his teens, a time when players like Kasparov were already training very seriously. Perhaps the best practical solution to this problem, considering the limited funds that are available to address it, is to try to organize group lessons for promising juniors.

Elsewhere in the article Ms. Mont-Reynaud referred to an incident in which

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Best in the West! The 10th Sands Regency Western States Open

by NM Tom Dorsch

There are larger tournaments, and a few older, but none with the vitality of the Sands Regency Western States Open, held in Reno, Nevada, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, which this year surpassed the American Open, becoming the West's grandest tournament of 1992. In just ten years, the Western States has blossomed into a 300+ player event that offers over $22,000 in prizes, draws top players, and awards 150 Grand Prix points.

Held in one of the most hospitable cities in the country, Reno, Nevada, the Western States has built a strong following and enviable reputation as a "players'" tournament. The large and courteous staff bends over backward to make sure that everyone has a good time. Fresh, hot coffee is plentiful and free in the playing area, and complimentary pastries are served daily. Five-time U.S. Champ **GM Larry Evans** conducts a free clinic, at which answers are provided for all chess-related questions. Add a blitz championship, an action championship, and a scholastic tournament, and you have a full weekend of chess action.

Top seed was Kentucky's **GM Gregory Kaidanov**, second-highest-rated player on the USCF list, for whom 1992 was a remarkable year. Kaidanov won or tied for first in the National Open, the World Open, and the U.S. Open. His streak continued in Reno, where he handily knocked off three opponents in a row, including World Junior Champ Ilya Gurevich, then faced pumped-up six-time US Champ Walter Browne on the black side of a Slav Defense, where Walter was able to develop considerable pressure in the opening, only to lose his way in middlegame complications and resign on move 32. In the final round, the two leaders, Kaidanov and **GM Dmitry Gurevich** (Chicago , IL) with 4.5, concluded their game amicably, while none of the group with 4 was able to win. They split first and second, collecting $1750 apiece for their weekend of work. **GM Sergey Kudrin**, newly-arrived **GM Alexander Shabalov**, and **IMs Georgi Orlov**, **Ilya Gurevich**, and **John Donaldson** finished with 4 points, one of the best results in years for Donaldson, who seems to be recovering from the effects of a brush with chess politics.

The blitz tournament was also won by **GM Kaidanov**, and the Action Tournament was won by **Richard Lobo** (San Francisco).

The secret behind this tournament's success is organizer **Jerome Weikel**, who has worked tirelessly to build the event. Two years ago, he secured sponsorship from the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino, one of Reno's largest, and the prize fund has doubled each year since, this year reaching $21,900 in the main event. Chief Directors **Jerome and Fran Weikel** were assisted by **Robert Tanner** and **Mike Bond**, both of Salt Lake City. The demonstration boards were expertly patrolled by **Robert Spencer**, and the wallcharts stayed current thanks to **Mike Seidl** and **Jimmy Weikel**. **Barbara Woodward**, events manager at the Sands Regency, provided invaluable technical and organizational assistance.

PRIZE WINNERS

OPEN: ***1st-2nd*** **Dmitry Gurevich (Chicago, IL) and Gregory Kaidanov (Lexington, KY) 5 pts out of 6; *3rd-7th* John Donaldson (Seattle, WA), Georgi Orlov (Federal Way, WA), Alexander Shabalov (Pittsburgh, PA), Ilya Gurevich (Worcester, MA) and Sergey, Kudrin (Philadelphia, PA), with 4.5 pts; *8th* Igor Ivanov (Dominguez Hills, CA), all alone with 4 pts; and *9th-14th* Zoran Lazetich (Sacramento); Eugene Martinovsky (Naperville, IL), Richard Russell (San Diego), Rex De Asis (Daly City), Walter Browne (Berkeley); and John Carr (So Lake Tahoe), 3.5 pts. Under 2400, Under 2300: Fernand Gobet (Pittsburgh, PA), Richard Kelson (Clayton, CA), Oleg Shakhnazarov (San Francisco), Rudy Hernandez (Daly City), Precioso Saguisag (Daly City), and Renard Anderson (Aptos), 4 pts.**

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CAPA All-Master Tourneys

by NM David Forthoffer

A dozen masters showed up on October 24 and another dozen on November 21 at the Chess Academy of Palo Alto. Each four-round Swiss was directed by Mike Splane. The time control was Game/60. The games were USCF rated.

The competition was very tough. Imagine Burt Izumikawa not winning a single game out of eight games!

The October tournament yielded a four-way tie at 3-1 between Mike Arné, Jim McCormick, Renard Anderson, and Emmanuel Perez. The average rating was 2340.

Julia Tverskaya won the November tournament outright with a 3½-½ score. The average rating was 2302.

The next CAPA All-Master competition will be held Saturday, December 12, from 10:00am to 8:00pm. For information, call Mike Splane at (415) 326-5949.

CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, October 24, 1992

1	Mike Arné	2257	W8	D7	W3	D2	3-1
2	Jim McCormick	2293	D10	W5	W7	D1	3-1
3	Renard Anderson	2280	W12	W9	L1	W7	3-1
4	Emmanuel Perez	2362	L9	W12	W11	W6	3-1
5	Alan Stein	2188	D11	L2	W9	W12	2½-1½
6	Greg Kotlyar	2428	L7	W8	W10	L4	2-2
7	Tom Dorsch	2242	W6	D1	L2	L3	1½-2½
8	Ronald Cusi	2466	L1	L6	D12	W11	1½-2½
9	Paul Gallegos	2202	W4	L3	L5	–	1-2
10	Vince McCambridge	2535	D2	D11	L6	–	1-2
11	Julia Tverskaya	2333	D5	D10	L4	L8	1-3
12	Burt Izumikawa	2496	L3	L4	D8	L5	½-3½
		2340					

CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, November 21, 1992

1	Julia Tverskaya	2333	D13	W7	W2	W3	3½-½
2	Savely Polovets	2336	W4	D3	L1	W8	2½-1½
3	Tom Dorsch	2200	W12	D2	W8	L1	2½-1½
4	Mike Arné	2226	L2	W12	W9	L1	2½-1½
5	Peter Yu	2262	D8	D9	W11	D4	2½-1½
6	Alan Stein	2188	W11	L8	D7	D9	2-2
7	David Forthoffer	2230	D9	L1	D6	W13	2-2
8	Vladimir Strugatsky	2511	D5	W6	L3	L2	1½-2½
9	Burt Izumikawa	2496	D7	D5	L4	D6	1½-2½
10	Richard Koepcke	2375	–	–	–	W12	1-0
11	Renard Anderson	2264	L6	W13	L5	–	1-2
12	Eric Chapa	2316	L3	L4	W13	L10	1-3
13	Mark Pinto	2200	D1	L11	L12	L7	½-3½
		2302					

CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, 10/24/92
White: Greg Kotlyar (2428)
Black: Vince McCambridge (2535)
Nimzo-Indian [E20]

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 Nf3 c5 5 g3 Bxc3+ 6 bxc3 b6 7 Bg2 Bb7 8 0-0 d6 9 d5!

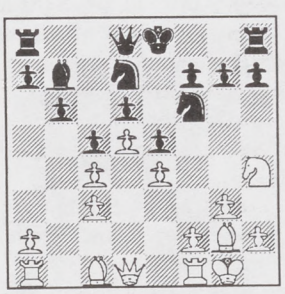
The strategic point is to lock the center and attack on the King-side where White can muster more men and Black's Bishop is out of place. Black cannot get the usual counterplay against c4 because his Knight cannot reach a5.

9 ... e5 (if 9 ... exd5 10 Nh4)

10 e4 Nbd7

Black cannot win a pawn here: 10...Nxe4 11 Nxe5 Nxc3 12 Qe1 Qe7 13 Qxc3 dxe5 14 d6.

11 Nh4



11 ... g6??

Black does not have time to make this weakening move. The three games I looked at had Black castling, White attacking with f4-f5, Black locking the King side and then marching his King to the Queen-side. White maintained a small but not decisive advantage out of the opening.

12 f4 exf4?

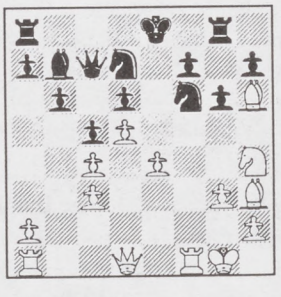
On general principles, one should not open lines when less developed than your opponent. One specific drawback is that it allows White action with e4-e5 and d5-d6, activating his Bishop. Better was 12...Qe7! and Black can defend reasonably well. For example, 13 fxe5 dxe5 14 Bh6 0-0-0 15 Qf3 Ne8 16 Qxf7 Qxf7 17 Rxf7 Nd6 18 Rf2 Ba6 with equality.

13 Bxf4 Qc7

Black hopes to castle Queen-side, b White's threats develop too fast. Wor was 13...Qe7?? 14 e5 Nxe5 15 Bxe5 dxe 16 d6 and White wins a piece.

14 Bh6 Rg8 15 Bh3

Stopping Black from castling Quee side.



15 ... Nh5

Black can't strengthen his weakness at f6, so he moves it. Black also loses with 15...Nxe4 16 Qe2! f5 17 Nxf5 gf 18 Bxf5 O-O-O 19 Qxe4 and White is a pawn up while dominating the center.

16 Nf3 Bc8

Though this neutrailizes the White Bishop, it stops Black's development and lets White build up. Worse was 16...O-O-O 17 Ng5 and Black loses at least the exchange due to the pin on d7 and the fork on e6.

17 Qe2 Ng7

This is not a wonderful move, but it is hard to think of anything better. 17...Ne5 fails: 18 Bxc8 Rxc8 19 Nxe5 dxe5 20 Rf2 f6 21 Raf1 Qe7 22 g4 Nf4 23 Bxf4 exf4 24 Rxf4 f5 (else 25 Qf3) 25 e5 Qg5 26 Kh1 fxg4 27 Rxg4 Qe7 28 Rgf4 with a clear win.

18 Bxd7+

Removing a potential defender of f7.

18 ... Qxd7

Or 18...Bxd7 19 Ng5 0-0-0 20 Rxf7 Ne8 21 Ne6 Qb8 22 Bg5 and White is the exchange up with a dominating position.

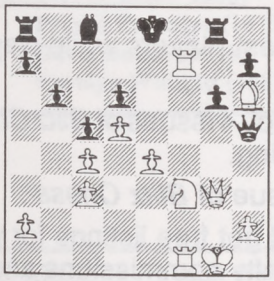
19 Ng5 Qe7

Black tries to get counterplay by temporarily gaining f5 for his Knight. His efforts fail because his King is stuck in the center.

20 Rxf7 Qe5 21 Raf1

Now Black cannot move his Bishop.

21...Nf5 22 Nf3 Nxg3 23 Qg2 Qh5 24 Qxg3



24...Qxh6

Or 24 ... Kxf7 25 Qxd6! Qg4+ (25...Qxh6 26 Ne5+ Ke8 27 Qc6+ Kd8 28 Nf7+ Ke7 29 Qd6+ Ke8 30 Qd8 mate) 26 Kf2! Ke8 27 Ne5 Qh4+ 28 Kg1 Qxh6 29 Qc6+ Kd8 30 Nf7+ Ke7 31 Qd6+ Ke8 32 Qd8 mate

25 Ng5 Bd7?

Black drops his Queen. But he was busted anyway: 25...Qh5 26 Qxd6! Qxg5+ 27 Kh1 Bf5 28 exf5 (not 28 R1xf5? Qg1+!) Kxf7 29 fxg6+ Kg7 30 Rf7+ Kh6 31 Rxh7+ mate.

26 Rxh7

Black resigned.

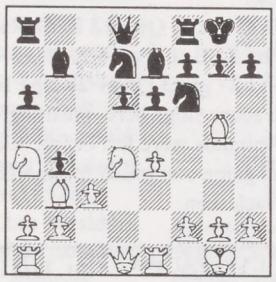
CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, 11/21/92
White: Julia Tverskaya (2333)
Black: David Forthoffer (2230)
Najdorf Sicilian

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1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 b5 7 Bb3 Bb7 8 0-0 Nbd7 9 Re1 e6 10 Bg5 b4 11 Na4

On 11 Nd5 I was planning Qa5.

11 ... Be7 12 c3 0-0



13 cxb4 Nxe4

I rejected Bxe4 because I saw I lost two pieces for a Rook after 14 Rxe4 Nxe4 15 Nc6. But I would have had a reasonable position after 15...Bxg5! 16 Nxd8 Rfxd8 with a Rook and Knight for my Queen.

14 Bxe7 Qxe7 15 f3! Nef6 16 Nxe6!

Better than Nf5, which also wins a pawn.

16 ... Rfe8 17 Nd4 Ne5

I make a speculative piece sacrifice, overlooking White's 25th move.

18 f4 Nfg4 19 fxe5 Qh4 20 Bxf7+ Kh8

I could have played Kxf7 21 Qb3+ d5 with even pieces, no attack, and a lost ending.

21 Nf3 Bxf3 22 Qxf3 Qxh2+ 23 Kf1 Qh1+ 24 Ke2 Rxe5+ 25 Kd3!

I had only examined Kd2 Qh6+ with prospects along the c-file and with the e3 square. Now I'm dead lost (versus "lost").

25...Ree8 26 Rxe8+ Rxe8 27 Rxh1 Ne5+ 28 Ke2 Nxf3+ 29 Bxe8

I resigned

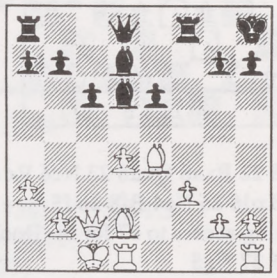
CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, 10/24/92
White: Ronald Cusi (2465)
Black: Julia Tverskaya (2333)
Dutch

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1 d4 f5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e3 d5 5 Bd3 c6 6 Nge2 Bd6 7 Qc2 0-0 8 Bd2

A simple alternative is 8 cd since Black cannot capture with the e-pawn. White then has the advantage along the c-file.

8 ... Nbd7 9 f3 dxc4 10 Bxc4 Nb6 11 Bd3 Nbd5 12 a3 Kh8 13 0-0-0 Bd7 14 e4 Nxc3 15 Nxc3 fxe4 16 Nxe4 Nxe4 17 Bxe4



17 ... Qh4??

Though this threatens Bf4, it forms a very brittle defense. It was better to play h6. Then it takes White four moves to develop real threats) h4-h5, and g4-g5. Black can start counterplay immediately with c5.

18 Kb1 Rad8 19 Be1 Qh6 20 h4 e5

The formula to defend against a wing attack is to counter in the center. But here Black's pieces are awkwardly placed, and it fails.

21 Bd2 Qh5 22 Bg5

Winning the exchange due to the weak Bishops on the d-file.

22 ... exd4 23 Bxd8 Rxd8 24 Rxd4 Be5 25 Rd3 Bf6 26 Rhd1 Qe8 27 Bxh7

White chooses a simple win instead of winning a piece with the more complicated Qd2 Qe5 28 Qb4 c5 29 Qxb7 Rb8 30 Rxd7 c4 31 Rc7 Qxb2+ 32 Qxb2 Rxb2+ 33 Kc1 Rb8 and White is a full Rook up.

27 ... Kxh7 28 Rxd7+ Kh8 29 Rxd8 Bxd8 30 Qe4 Qf8

Black chooses a quick death to the drawn-out ending after Qe7.

31 Re1 Bf6 32 Qg6 Be7 33 Re5 Qd8 34 Rh5+ Kg8 35 Qe6+ mate next

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CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, 10/24/92
White: Alan Stein (2185)
Black: Burt Izumikawa (2496)
English

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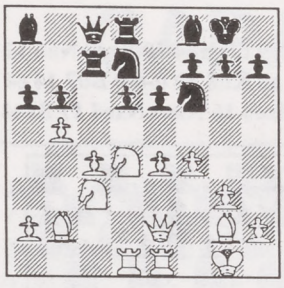
1 Nf3 c5 2 c4 Nf6 3 Nc3 e6 4 g3 b6 5 Bg2 Bb7 6 0-0 d6 7 d4 cxd4 8 Qxd4 a6 9 b3 Nbd7 10 Bb2 Be7 11 e4 Qb8 12 Rfe1 0-0 13 Rac1 Rd8 14 Qd2 Ra7 15 Nd4 Bf8 16 Rcd1 Ba8 17 Qe2 Nc5 18 b4 Ncd7 19 f4 Rc7 20 b5!

White plans to trade light-squared Bishops and plant a Knight at c6.

20 ... Qc8

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21 e5 Ne8 22 Bxa8 Qxa8 23 Nc6 Rdc8 24 exd6 Bxd6 25 Ne4 Bf8 26 f5

Gaining access to e7 for his Rook.

26 ... exf5 27 Ng5

Threatening Qh5.

27 ... Ndf6 28 Be5 Rd7??

Black allows his Knight to be diverted from its critical defense of the King. Better was 28 ... Bc5+ 29 Kh1 Rxc6 30 bxc6 Qxc6+ 31 Qf3 Qxf3+ 32 Nxf3 Ng4 and with two Pawns for the exchange, Black has prospects of defending himself.

29 Rxd7 Nxd7 30 Qh5 Bc5+ 31 Bd4 Nef6 32 Qxf7+ Kh8 33 Bxc5 Nxc5??

Black does not want to lose two Knights for a Rook after bc5 Re7, but falls for something worse. Black needed the second Knight to defend his King.

34 Re7 Rg8 35 Qxf6

This would not have been possible if Black's other Knight were still at d7.

35 ... gxf6 36 Rxh7 mate

CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, 11/21/92
White: Savely Polovetz (2336)
Black: Julia Tverskaya (2333)
Nimzo-Indian [E20]

1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 d4 0-0 6 Be2 Nc6 7 d5 Nb8 8 0-0 e5 9 Nd2 Nbd7 10 Rb1 Ne8 11 b4 f5 12 f3 f4 13 c5 Ndf6 14 Nc4 Nh5 15 Ba3 Rf7 16 b5 Bf8 17 b6 axb6 18 cxb6 cxb6 19 Qb3 Ng3 20 hxg3??

A miscalculation. White could have simply retreated his Rook and had the better game.

20 ... fxg3 21 Qxb6 Qh4 22 Rfd1 Ra6 23 Qe3 Bh6 24 Bc1 Bxe3+ 25 Bxe3 Qh2+ 26 Kf1 Bh3 27 gxh3 Qh1+ 28 Bg1 Rxf3+. The game score stops here, meaning less than five minutes were left before sudden death. The game continued for another ten moves. Black won.

CAPA All-Master, Palo Alto, 11/21/92
White: Mark Pinto (2200)
Black: Julia Tverskaya (2333)
Two Knights

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 Bc4 Nf6 5 e5 d5 6 Bb5 Ne4 7 Nxd4 Bd7 8 Bxc6 bxc6 9 0-0 Be7 10 f3 Nc5 11 Be3

My ancient "bis" book (Keres) continues 11 f4 Ne4 12 f5 O-O 13 Nc3 Nxc3 14 bxc3 c5 15 Nb3 c4 16 Nd4 with the better game for White.

11...Ne6 12 Nb3 0-0 13 f4 f5 14 Nc3 a5 15 a4

Na4 to control c5 was better.

15...Bc8 16 Qd2 Bb4 17 Rad1 Qe7 18 Qf2 Ba6 19 Rfe1

Better was Ne2 aiming for c3

19...Rad8 20 h3 Bc4 21 Nd2 Ba6 22 Nb3 Kh8 23 Kh2 c5??

Black "wins" the exchange. But it turns out better for White!

24 Nxd5 Bxe1 25 Qxe1 Qf7 26 Nxc5 Nxc5 27 Bxc5 Rfe8 28 Ne3 Bb7 29 b3 Qg6 30 Rxd8 Rxd8 31 Qxa5 Qc6 32 Qb4 Ba8 33 Be7 Re8

More active would have been Rd1.

34 Bh4 Qg6 35 Qc4 Qh5 36 Be1 h6 37 Bc3 Be4 38 a5 Qh4 39 Qf1 Rd8 40 Be1 Qe7 41 Qc4 c5 42 b4 cxb4 43 Qxb4 Qa7 44 Qb6 Qd7 45 e6 Qe7 46 Bb4 Qh4 47 g3 Qf6 48 e7 Rc8 49 Qxf6 gxf6 50 Nc4 Kg7 51 Nd6 Rxc2+ 52 Kg1 Bc6 53 e8Q Bxe8 54 Nxe8+ Kf7 55 Nd6+ Ke6 56 a6 Ra2 57 Nb7 Kd5 58 Na5 Rc2 59 a7 Rc8 60 Be1 Ra8

The game score stops here. White is winning here. The game was drawn due to time pressure.

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Three Masters Win at 10th Livermore Open

by NM Tom Dorsch

The 10th Livermore Open, held the weekend of November 7-8 in historic Dania Hall, drew its largest crowd ever for this well-run traditional event. Playing conditions are excellent, the staff is efficient, and small touches like free coffee mark this as a tournament with genuine concern for the players. Eight local masters vied for top honors, but, when the smoke cleared, **Emmanuel Perez** (2362), **James McCormick** (2293), and **Renard Anderson** (2264) came out on top with 3.5.

Dr. Pascal Baudry (2123) played well to capture top honors in the Under 2150 section. The reserve winner was **Prasad Paranjpe** (1873), who seems to have benefitted from a visit last year by IM Tom O'Donnell of Canada, who stayed with Prasad for several months. The Under 1750 winner was **James Winberg** (1738), and the Booster section fell to **T. Scott Jones** (1526).

The tournament was organized by Livermore Club President **Charles Pigg** and Treasurer **Don Wolitzer**. **Keith Mehl** directed, and this year the computer pairings were timely and accurate.

The next Livermore Club tournament will be May 1-2,1993.

<u>OPEN</u>

Emmanuel Perez (2362)	3.5-0.5
James McCormick (2293)	
Renard Anderson (2264)	

<u>U2150</u>

Pascal Baudry (2123)	3-1
Jose De Leon (2018)	
Wade Regensberg (2143)	
Riley Hughes (1796)	2.5-1.5

<u>RESERVE (Below 1950)</u>

Prasad Paranjpe (1873)	4-0
David Bunde (1718)	
Carolyn Withgitt (1887)	3-1
Joseph Ruggiero (1800)	

<u>U1750</u>

James Winberg (1738)	2.5-1.5
Walter Lesquillier (1661)	
Rami Mehran (1631)	
Von Motschenbacher (1591)	

<u>BOOSTER (U1550)</u>

T. Scott Jones (1526)	3.5-0.5
Morgan Gray (1500)	
Mark Dean (1424)	3-1
David Brown (1367)	
Rodney Navarro (Unr.)	

White: Karl Heinola (2100)
Black: Mark Drury (1924)
Bird's Opening [A03]

1. f4 d5 2. b3 Nf6 3. e3 d4 4. Nf3 de3 5. Bc4 e6 6. Qe2 ed2 7. Nbd2 Be7 8. Bb2 Nb7 9. 0-0-0 0-0 10. Ng5 Kh8 11. Ndf3 Qe8 12. Ne5 Ne5 13. Qe5 Bd6? 14. Rd6! cd6 15. Qf6 gf6 16. Bf6 Kg8 17. Bd3 1-0

White: John Romo (2117)
Black: Donald Lieberman (1900)
Four Knight's Opening [C47]

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. d4 Bb4 5. d5 Ne7 6. Ne5 d6 7. Bb5 Kf8 8. Nf3 Ne4 9. Qd4 Bc3 10. bc3 Nf6 11. Bc4 Nf5 12. Qd1 Qe7 13. Be2 Bd7 14. 0-0 Re8 15. Re1 Qd8 16. Rb1 b6 17. c4 Ne4 18. Rb3 Nc5 19. Ra3 a5 20. Bb2 f6 21. Nd4 Nd4 22. Bd4 Bf5 23. Re3 Re3 24. Be3 Kf7 25. Bd3 Nd3 26. cd3 Re8 1/2-1/2

Book Review

by Val Zemitis

SAHA RIEKSTI ("Tough Nuts to Crack"). 400 instructive positions. Available from Znanie Bookstore, 5237 Geary St., San Francisco. Paperback, $4.50.

One of the best methods of evaluating one's playing ability is by solving positions played by others. There is another benefit from this exercise, namely, one gets new ideas which undoubtedly will be of use in future encounters.

Now a new booklet, SAHA RIEKSTI, freely translate from the Latvian as "Tough Nuts to Crack," depicting 400 very interesting an instructive positions, has been published by the journal SAHS BALTUA, successor to Mikhail Tal's famous journal SAHS.

The compilers are well-known chess masters and journalists N. Zuravlevs, J. Klovans, an G. Kuzmicovs. There are six diagrams per page and the answers are given in figurine algebraic notation. No language skills are needed to get the most out of solving these well-chosen positions. The booklet is divided into four sections, each depicting one hundred positions. The first section is for novice chess players, the second section is for Class "A" players, the third section is for Experts, an the last section is entitled "Let us play like a World Champion!" Most of the positions have been taken from games played by Eastern European players and thus will not be known to chess players here.

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See page 23 for four sample problems from the book.

Browne, Anderson Win Capps

by NM Jim Eade

Who knows what motivates chessplayers? **TD Mike Goodall** raised the guarantee for this year's Carroll M. Capps Memorial tournament and got fewer players! This tournament has been a mainstay on the Northern California schedule for years and years (this was the 22nd annual), and has been blessed with a steady, predictable turnout. Perhaps players were burned out by the diet of one mega-event a month that this area has been supporting recently. Or possibly a tried and true format, such as the one used at the Capps, is no longer sexy enough for the tournament regulars. Who knows? Perhaps next year will have a record turnout with an identical format. If someone out there has the magic formula, please share it with us!

And the winners are...

1st-2nd:
GM Walter Browne (2632) 4.5-0.5
NM Renard Anderson (2264)

3rd-6th:
SM Victor Baja (2410) 4-1
NM Henry Robles (2287)
Sid Rubin (2194)
Kris Lawson (2100)

1st "A"
William McCann (1922) 3.5-1.5

1st-2nd "B"
Richard Newey (1693) 3-2
Chuck Robbins (1632)

1st-4th "C"
Jeff Ely (1572) 2.5-2.5
Joseph Fitzpatrick (1553)
Bruce Jewett (1534)
Ake Gullmes (1519)

Here are some of the important games, starting with the fourth-round clash between the co-champions:

White: GM Walter Browne (2632)
Black: NM Renard Anderson (2264)
Benko [A57]
Annotated by NM Jim Eade

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cb5 a6 5. f3

Popular with the American GMs (Dlugy pounded Alburt with this line in the 1991 U.S. Championships) while 5. b6 and 5. ba6 remain common overseas. 5. Nc3 and 5. e3 are also played fairly frequently.

5...ab5

This move is questioned in ECO, but the alternatives 5...e6 and 5...Qa5 have not fared better in practice.

6. e4 Qa5 7. Bd2 b4

The point of this move order. Black retains his b-pawn, with which he hopes to cramp White's queenside.

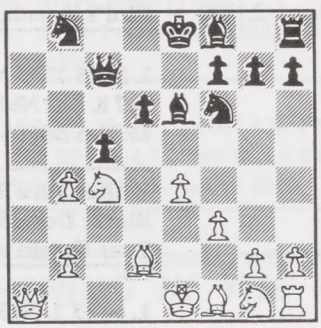
8. Na3

Aiming immediately for the c4 weakness.

8...d6 9. Nc4 Qc7 10. a3

I would never, out of fear, choose this move over the board, preferring instead to develop the kingside. Of course, this is easier said than done, and White seeks instead a winning advantage on the queenside.

10...e6 11. de6 Be6 12. ab4 Ra1 13. Qa1



13...d5!

An excellent move. Black breaks up the White center. The prosaic 13...cb4 would have given White the initiative he wanted.

14. ed5 Nd5

Black's pieces begin to dance and White's King is still far from safety.

15. Qa4 Nd7 16. Qa8 Nb8 17. Qa4 Nd7 18. Qa8 Nb8

Draw?

19. b5

Of course, not!

19...Bd6 20. b6

Giving back the material in order to catch up on development.

20...Nb6 21. Nd6 Qd6 22. Bb5 Ke7 23. Qb7 N8d7 24. Bd7 Nd7 25. Bc3

Required in order to protect the b-pawn.

25...Bd5 26. Qb5 Ra8 27. Kf2 1/2-1/2

Can't quibble with Black's willingness to split the point with the GM, but I'd rather be Black in the final position. I bet Renard would've played on against the likes of me!

White: Scott Wilson (1705)
Black: NM Henry Robles (2287)
Dutch Defense [A80]
Annotated by NM Jim Eade

1. d4 f5 2. Nd2 Nf6 3. c3 e6 4. Ngf3 d5 5. e3 Bd6 6. Bd3

Routine Colle system moves do not work against the Stonewall Dutch. White needed to be much more aggressive about occupying e5 with a Knight. A double Stonewall formation is likely to occur in that case.

6...Nbd7

Black prevents White from occupying e5 and restrains e4. By definition, Black has gotten everything he could want out of this opening.

7. 0-0 0-0 8. Re1

This is another mechanical Colle Opening move that is pointless in this particular position. White needs to get f3-e4 in, and should probably fianchetto the Queen's Bishop, admitting the tempo loss with an eventual c4 and possibly Ne5.

8...Ne4

Nailing the lid down on e4 and preparing the kingside pawn march.

9. Bc2

An unfortunate waste of time.

9...g5 10. Nf1 g4 11. Be4 fe4 12. Ne5

Beginning a desperado tactical sequence, which is the best practical try, considering how tied-up White has become.

12...Be5

Preserving the pawn or the piece. The choice is White's.

13. Qg4

White valiantly chooses to cede the piece and scoop pawns. It might be O.K. if he can survive the middle game, but can he?

13...Bg7 14. Qe6 Kh8 15. Qd5 Qh4!

Attacking and defending, every chessplayer loves to make this kind of move. Henry is smelling blood.

16. Ng3

Of course, all moves that attack and defend are not always equal.

16...Nf6

For example!

17. Qc5 b6

Good instincts. The material is immaterial, Black wants to play ...Ng4 without allowing Qh5.

18. Qc7 Ng4 19. Nh1

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Three-way Tie on Turkey Day

by NM Richard Koepcke

One-hundred eighteen players came out for the traditional LERA Thanksgiving Class Championship. This was orgainzer **Jim Hurt's** twenty-fourth Thanksgiving event! **Ted Yudacufski** served as chief Director. Pat Jackson, Ken Stone, Dave Betanco, and Carolyn Withgitt helped out at registration and Randy Mont-Reynaud assisted during the tournament.

The conditions were comfortable, the rounds started on time, the snack bar was well stocked and half-point byes were available for players who had to miss one or two rounds. Traditionalists were in seventh heaven with the "infinite" time controls (after 60 moves they were 10/10 ad infinitim). Fortunately, none of the rounds were delayed in starting, so everyone should have been satisfied.

The two top sections were combined in order to not have any problems making pairings in later rounds. Long after the first round had started several new players signed up for the Open and Expert sections so it looked like the group should be divided back into its two original entities, but since the tournament had already started the section could not be split back into two, so all of the Experts de facto played in the Open Section. Likewise, the "D-E-Unr" were also combined, though the prizes were still distributed for each of the classes.

Richard Shorman selected the Brilliancy prize winners based on the first four rounds of the tournament, and those are presented below. The next LERA tournament will be March 27-28, 1993. Here are the winners:

OPEN/EXPERT

1st-3rd: **SM Burt Izumikawa** (2496) 5-1
NMs Issak Margulis (2354)
Oleg Shakhnazarov (2251)

1st-4th: **Alan Stein** (2188) 4-2
Agnis Kaugars (2178)
Rahim Gran (2147)
Carolyn Withgitt (1887)

"A"

1st: **Adrian Keatinge-Clay** (1986) 5-1
2nd/3rd: **Rbt. Christopher** (1966) 4.5-1.5
Steven Lender (1900)

"B"

1st: **Enayatulla Arjmand** (1657) 6-0
2nd: **David Bunde** (1718) 5-1
3rd-5th: **Matthew R. Gross** (1717) 4-2
Jay Richwood (1662)
Bret Winograd (1577)

"C"

1st: **Chris Fillius** (1454) 5-1
2nd: **Dave Newton** (1525) 4-2
3rd: **Leonard Trottier** (1500) 3.5-2.5

"D"/"E"/"Unr."

1st "D": **Ed Fernandez** (1212) 4-2
1s/2nd **Stephen Croft** (1135) 3-3
"E": **Brian Rothbach** (743)
1st Unr: **Victor Prupis** 5-1

White: SM Burt Izumikawa (2496)
Black: James Jones (2142)
Brilliancy Prize-Master Section
Pirc Defense [B08]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

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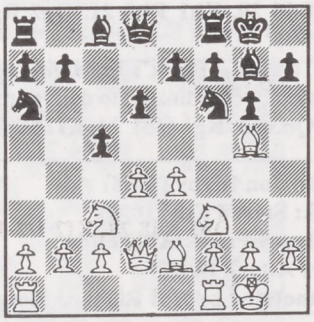
1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. Be2 Nf6 5. Nc3 0-0 6. 0-0 Na6?!

Although this move has been played before, the Knight looks offside here. Black is better off playing 6...c5 directly as recent international praxis has shown. White gets very little from the endgame obtained by 7. dc5 dc5 8. Qd8. Modern players prefer 7. d5 transposing to the Schmidt Benoni, after which, 7...Na6 planning Nc7 and b5 is consistent with the pawn structure.

7. Bg5

One of the reasons why Black's previous move looks dubious. Izumikawa sensibly heads for a Sicilian in which Black's Knight is misplaced on a6. White obtained a significant advantage after 7. Re1 c5 8. e5 Ng4 9. ed6 Qd6 10. Ne4 Qc7 11. Ba6 ba6 12. Nc5 (Geller-Sax, Budapest 1973).

7...c5 8. Qd2



By continuing his development, White continues his plan to obtain a transpose to the Sicilian. Since he does not obtain much, perhaps 8. e5!? is an improvement. There might follow:

(i) 8...Ne8 9. ed6 Nd6 10. Ba6 cd4 11. Nd4 ba6 12. Nd5 f6 13. Nc6 with a big advantage for White.

(ii) 8...Ng4 9. ed6 Qd6 10. Ne4 Qe6 11. Ba6 Qe4 12. Bd3 Qd5 13. Be7 and again White is better.

(iii) 8...de5 9. de5 Nd7 looks critical. Now 10. Nd5 (10. Bf4 Nc7) 10...f6 11. ef6 ef6 12. Bf4 Nb6 leads to equality. However, 10. Re1!? looks promising. For example, 10...Ne5 11. Ne5 Be5 12. Qd8 Rd8 13. Ba6 Bc3 14. bc3 ba6 15. Be7 leaves White with a significant plus.

8...Bg4!?

This looks like an opportune moment to activate the Queen's Knight with 8...cd4 9. Nd4 Nc5 10. f3 Ne6 with approximate equality.

9. Rad1 cd4 10. Nd4 Be2 11. Qe2 Qa5

Practically forced, in view of the threat 12.e5.

12. Qd2 Qb4 13. Bf6 Bf6 14. Nd5 Qb2

A brave decision, as it will soon be apparent that White has a lot of compensation for the pawns. Black could have bailed out to a playable ending with 14...Qd2 15. Nf6 Kg7 16. Nh5 Kh6 17. Rd2 Kh5, though he would then have to spend several tempi bringing his King back to the center.

15. Nf6 ef6 16. Rb1 Qa2 17. Rb3!

The main point behind Izumikawa's two-pawn sacrifice. All of his pieces flow quickly toward Black's denuded kingside.

17...Nc5!

Kicking the Rook to where it wants to go, but bringing the Knight back into the game in the process. 17...Rfe8 making room for the King fails to 18. Nf5! gf5 19. Rg3 Kf8 20. Qd6 Re7 21. Qf6 Ree8 22. Qd6 Re7 23. ef5 winning a Rook.

18. Rh3 Ne4 19. Qh6 Ng5 20. Rh4

White's whole attack is based on breaking through on the h-file. If Black can force him to shift his attack elsewhere Black will successfully defend his position.

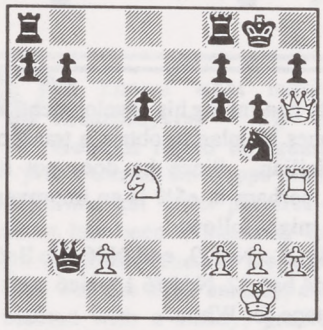
20...Qd5?

In a practical game this kind of position is almost impossible to defend. Here Black could have made White's task very difficult with 20...Qb2!

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(Position if Black had played 20...Qb2)

White has four principal tries:

(i) 21. f4?? Qd4 22. Kh1 f5 23. fg5 Qg7 with an easily-won ending for Black.

(ii) 21. Nf5 (this is the move that Black was probably afraid of when he played Qd5) 21...gf5 22. f4 Rfe8 23. fg5 fg5 24. Qg5 Kh8. Although White gets back most of his material, I can't find a clear win. Notice that on b2, the Black Queen covers the key a1-h8 diagonal.

(iii) 21. Nb3? (clearing the way for f4 without giving up the Knight) 21...Rfe8 22. f4 Ne6! 23. Qh7 Kf8 24. f5 Ng5 25. Qh6 Ke7 26. Re1 Kd7 27. Re8 Re8. White's attack has played itself out, leaving Black a winning position.

(iv) In the previous variation, 22...Ne6 saved Black's game; therefore, 21. Rd1 maintaining the Knight at d4 is a better winning try for White. There might follow, 21...Rfe8 22. f4 Qc3 23. h3 Qe3 24. Kh2 Ne4 with unclear complications, but I suspect it is playable for Black.

21. c3!

The problem with Qd5. Now White's other Rook joins the attack.

21...Rfe8 22. f4 Ne4 23. f5!

The h-pawn isn't going anywhere. Izumikawa takes an opportunity to open the f-file with decisive effect.

23...g5

23...Ng5 also loses to the game continuation.

24. Ne6! fe6 25. Qh7 Kf8 26. fe6 Qe6 27. Re4

The final blow, a diversion sacrifice.

27...Re7

27...Qf7 28. Qh8 Qg8 29. Qf6.

28. Qh6 1-0

White: NM Oleg Shakhnazarov (2251)
Black: Pascal Baudry (2123)
Brilliancy Prize-Expert Section
Two Knights' Defense [C55]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 ed4 5. e5 d5 6. Bb5 Ne4 7. Nd4 Bc5 8. 0-0 Qh4?!

This is probably a home-cooked variation. The idea is to dispense with the normal 8...Bd7 and launch an immediate counterattack on the White King. Note that 9. Nc6 loses to Bf2 10. Rf2 Qf2 11. Kh1 a6 12. Ba4 Bd7. Black is also threatening a cheapo, 9...Nf2.

9. c3?

Too passive. 9. Be3 threatening 10.Nc6 and Nf3 will make Black regret his Queen's foray to h4. After 9...Bd7 10.Bc6 bc6 11. Nd2 White obtains a standard position in which Black's Queen is offside.

9...0-0 10. Bc6 bc6 11. Be3 Ba6

Taking advantage of White's ninth move, Black posts his Bishop on a more active square and prepares to shift his entire force for an assault on the opposing King.

12. Re1 Rae8 13. f3 f5?

This positional sacrifice looks enticing, but unfortunately is unsound. The alternative 13...Ng5 14. f4 Ne4 15. Nd2 leaves Black with a slightly worse position.

14. fe4 fe4 15. Nd2 Re5 16. h3!

Normally a voluntary weakening of the King's defensive setup is a bad idea. Here it is justified by the tactical threat 17. Qg4, forcing Black to release part of his kingside bind.

16...Bc8 17. Qe2?

17. Rf1 stops Black's attack in its tracks. A logical continuation would be 17...Bh3 18. Rf8 Kf8 19. Qf1 Ke8 20. Qf2 Qg4 21. Nf1 followed by Qg3.

17...Bh3 18. gh3?

A blunder, after 18. Rf1 White should still win.

18...Rf6!

With the unstoppable threat of Rg6.

19. Qh2?

The final mistake. 19. Qg4 would make Black's task more difficult. After 19...Rg6 20. Qg6 hg6 21. Kg2 Rh5 22. Rh1 White still has a material advantage, though with his King exposed and his pieces tied down it's hard to imagine him surviving.

19...Bd6 20. Kh1 Rh5 21. Qg2 Rg6 22. Qg6

Too late. Black's remaining force is sufficiently coordinated to deliver mate.

22...Qh3 23. Kg1 Qh1 24. Kf2 Rh2 0-1

White: Jon Kirby (1998)
Black: Steven Esh (1890)
Brilliancy Prize-"A' Section
Torre Attack [A48]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. e3 0-0 5. Bd3 d6 6. Nbd2 Nbd7

So far both sides have successfully ignored the other. White insists on a Torre Attack, and Black with equal obstinancy a King's Indian.

7. c4 c5

7...e5 is more consistent with Black's setup.

8. 0-0 b6 9. Re1 Bb7 10. d5 b5 11. e4 bc4 12. Nc4 Nb6 13. Na5?

This is not a good exchange as White's Knight is more active than Black's Bishop. The specter of a bad Bishop (d3) vs. a good Knight ending looms on the horizon.

13...Qc7 14. Nb7 Qb7 15. Rb1 a5 16. b3? Ra7 17. Bc4

Black is at least equal. However, he should take steps to inhibit White's only source of play, i.e. 18.e5, before continuing with an all out queenside assault. Either 17...Ng4 or Qa8 should be played here. Instead, Black tries to enforce a4 from another square.

17...Qd7? 18. e5 de5 19. Ne5 Qf5? 20. Nc6 Rd7?

Cutting off the Queen's last retreat square.

21. Re5

Now Black is completely lost. I give the rest of the game without comment.

21...Ne4 22. Rf5 Nc3 23. Qc2 Nb1 24. Rf3 Na3 25. Qe2 Nac4 26. bc4 Nc4 27. Ne7 Kh8 28. Rd3 Rb7 29. Rd1 Na3 30. Qa6 Rfb8 31. Qb7 1-0

White: Enayatulla Arjmand (1657)
Black: David Bunde (1718)
Brilliancy Prize-"B" Section
Closed Sicilian [B23]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. e4 c5 2. Bc4?!

The Bishop is not well posted here as it can be kicked away by e6 and d5 with a gain of tempo.

2...e6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. f4 d6

A more active try is 5...a6 6. a4 Nge7 7. e5 (7.Nf3 d5=) d5 8. ed5 Nf5 with equality.

5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bb3!?

Probably played in order to answer 6...d5 with 7. e5. Nevertheless, Black could play 6...d5 as the resulting position would be at least equal. Note that, 7. ed5 ed5 8. d4 cd4 9. Nd4 Bc5 10. Qe2 Qe7 11. Qe7 Ke7 12. Nf3 d4 is not a particularly promising line for White either.

6...Be7 7. d3 a6 8. a3 0-0 9. 0-0 d5 10. e5 Nd7

White wants to initiate a kingside attack, and releases tension in the center in order to do so unimpeded. Black should

have ample play on the queenside as White will have to lose several tempi redeploying his minor pieces at c3 and b3.

11. Ne2 d4!?

Keeping White's King Bishop on the queenside, but giving e4 in the bargain.

12. Ng3 b5 13. Qe2 Qc7 14. Ne4 Nb6 15. Bd2 Rd8

It would probably be better to leave the Rook at f8 where it can be used to defend the King.

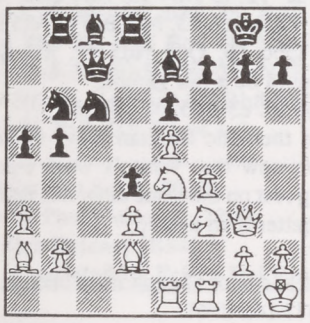
16. Kh1 Nd5?

At first glance, this appears to be a nice square for the Knight. But in fact, it is not, because the Knight is not attacking an assailable point in White's position from here, nor does the Knight hinder White's kingside attack. Notice the economy by which White now gradually builds his attack while by comparison, Black shifts his pieces around.

17. Rae1 Rb8 18. Qf2 Nb6 19. Qg3 c4

Finally Black has started his queenside assault, but it's a case of too little too late. His best chance for survival is to hunker down on the kingside and try to weather the storm. Therefore, 19...Nd7 followed by Nf8 was a better choice.

20. Ba2 cd3 21. cd3 a5?



22. Nfg5?

The immediate 22.Nf6 was decisive. Black would have two defensive tries:

(i) 22...Bf6 23. ef6 g6 24. Qh4 h5 25. f5 Nd5 (otherwise White plays Bf4) 20. fg6 fg6 27. f7 Qf7 28. Ne5, winning the Queen.

(ii) 22...Kh8 23. Qh4 h6 24. Ng5 Rf8 25. Ng4 f6 26. ef6 Bf6 27. Nh6 with mate to follow.

22...Bg5

22...h6 23. Nf7! Kf7 24. f5 leaves the Black King too exposed.

23. Qg5 b4?

23...h6 24. Nf6 Kf8 25. Qg4 Ne7 would have slowed White's attack considerably. Now he has time to bring up the reserves.

24. Rf3?

Missing a breakthrough opportunity via 24. Nf6 Kh8 25. Qh4 h6 26. f5! followed by Bh6. Black cannot stave off the mate threats.

24...h6 25. Nf6 Kf8 26. Qg4 Nd5?

26...Ne7! stops White's attack in its tracks, though Black must give up two pawns in the process. After 27. ab4 Nf5 28. ba5 Na5, Black has sufficient compensation for the sacrificed material.

27. Rg3!

The point of White's previous moves Black cannot exchange Knights as planned, and 27...gf6 loses to 28. Qg7 Ke7 29. Bd5 fe5 (or 29...Rd5 30. Qf6 Kd7 21. Qf7 Nd7 32. Rg7 winning back the piece with a crushing attack) 30. Bc6 Qc6 31. ef4, with either mate or a win of material to follow. Thus Black is forced to play...

27...g6 28. Qh4 Kg7

No help is 28...h5 29. f5 threatening Bh6.

29. f5!

The final breakthrough.

29...g5 30. Bg5 hg5 31. Rg5 Kf8 32. Rg8 Ke7 33. Nd5 Kd7 34. fe6 1-0

Black: Eric Bass (Unr.)
White: Stephen Croft (1135)
Brilliancy Prize-"C" Section
Modern Defense [B06]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nf3 c6 4. Bd3

Piece development by itself is not always a good thing. In considering where the pieces belong, White should take potential pawn structures into account. By developing the Bishop to d3, and thereby weakening the d-pawn, he prematurely commits himself to answering d5 with either ed5 or e5. More flexible is either 4. c4 or 4. Nc3 d5 5. h3.

4...d5 5. Nc3 Bg4 6. h3!?

The exclam is for the agressive intent of White's pawn sac. The question mark, because the pawn sac is objectively unsound.

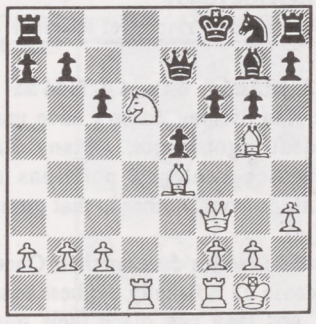
6...Bf3 7. Qf3 de4 8. Be4 Qd4 9. Nb5?

A commendable idea but tactically flawed (9...Qb4). Either 9. Be3 or 9. 0-0 should be played instead.

9...Qd7? 10. Bf4 e5?

Weakening the d6 square unnecessarily. After 10...Na6 1. Rd1 Qc8 Black is still in the game.

11. Rd1! Qe7 12. Nd6 Kf8 13. Bg5 f6 14. 0-0



Now White has more than enough for the pawn. He has all of his pieces developed and Black is in a virtual zugzwang. It is hard to find a move that doesn't immediately lose something. E.g., 14...Nh6 15. Bh6 Bh6 16. Nb7 Kg7 17. Bc6.

14...Na6 15. Bh4

Preparing the next move, the immediate Nb7 was also strong.

15...Nh6 16. Bc6 bc6 17. Qc6 Nc7 18. Nb5

There is no defense to the threats Nc7 and Rd7.

18...Nb5 19. Qa8 Kf7 20. Qd5 Kf8 21. Qb5 Kf7

Down the exchange and a pawn, without counterplay. Perhaps best here is to resign.

22. Rd7 Re8 23. Re7 Re7 24. Rd1 Nf5 25. Bg3 Nd4 26. Qc4 Ne6 27. c3 h5 28. f4 ef4 29. Bf4 g5 30. Bb8 g4 31. hg4 h4 32. Qb5 Nf4 33. Rd7 Ne2 34. Kf2 Bf8 35. Qd5 Kg6 36. Re7 Be7 37. Qe4 1-0

White: NM Emmanuel Perez (2362)
Black: Walter Wood (2064)
Honorable Mention-Master Section
French Exchange [C01]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 ed5 4. Nf3 Bd6 5. Bd3 Ne7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Bg5 f6 8. Bh4 Bf5 9. Re1 Bd3 10. Qd3 Nd7 11. Nbd2 c5 12. dc5 Nc5 13. Qd4 Qd7 14. c4 dc4 15. Nc4 Nf5 16. Qd5 Qf7 17. Red1 Nh4 18. Nh4 Rad8 19. Nd6 Qd5 20. Rd5 Ne4 21. Nhf5 g6 22. Ne7 Kg7 23. Ne4 1-0

White: NM Ahmad Koopal (2217)
Black: John Romo (2117)
Honorable Mention-Expert Section
King's Indian Attack [A07]

1. Nf3 Nc6 2. g3 e5 3. d3 d5 4. Nbd2 Be6 5. Bg2 Be7 6. 0-0 h5 7. h4 Qd7 8. e4 d4 9. Nc4 f6 10. a4 Nh6 11. Bh6 Rh6 12. c3 0-0-0 13. Qc2 dc3 14. Rfd1 cb2 15. Qb2 Bc4 16. dc4 Qd1 17. Rd1 Rd1 18. Kh2 Rh8 19. Bh3 Kb8 20. Be6 Nb4 21. Kg2 Rhd8 22. Bd5 Bc5 23. a5 a6 24. Nd2 c6 25. Nb3 Ba7 26. Bf7 Nd3 27. Qe2 Rb1 28. c5 Rb2 29. Qh5 Nf2 30. Qh7 g5 31. g4 Nh1 0-1

White: Horst Remus (1836)
Black: Brian Jew (1966)
Honorable Mention-"A" Section
French McCutcheon [C12]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Bf6 gf6 7. ef6 Qf6 8. a3 Ba5 9. Nf3 c5 10. Bb5 Nc6 11. Ne5 Bd7 12. Nd7 Kd7 13. 0-0 cd4 14. Ne2 Bb6 15. c3 dc3 16. Nc3 Bd4 17. Qb3 Rhg8 18. g3 Qf3 19. Be2 Rg3 20. hg3 Qg3 0-1

Ong Stars in 4th Goodwin Open

by Frisco Del Rosario

Expert **Allen Ong** of Millbrae scored 5.5-1.5 to win the Fourth Goodwin Open, the Burlingame Chess Club Championship, held September 24-October 29. Ong, seeded sixth in the event with a 2099 rating, gave up a draw to **Glenn McEnroe** (1694) in round one before winning five straight, ultimately defeating top seed **Ahmad Koopal** (2222) in round six for the title.

Ong bested an 82-player field headed by three masters, but almost had to win a playoff against a Class B player to secure the crown. **Jim Zamboukos** (1772), who began the tournament as the 34th seed, started with four wins (two against experts). He drew another Expert in round five to go into the last round tied with Ong at 4.5, but while Ong beat Koopal (the only five), Cinderella Zamboukos lost on board two to defending champion **NM Paul Gallegos** (2200). Zamboukos had clinched his class prize already, and the unrated class winner was also decided before the final round. **John Hodges** of San Francisco went 3-3 to win the unrated prize. **Carolyn Withgitt** (1886) won the Class A prize with 4.5.

Two great chess oddities appeared during the tournament—the famous rook-pawn-plus-wrong-colored-bishop draw occurred on Board 13 (hmm) in Round Four. A six-move smothered mate (1. e4 c6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 de4 4. Ne4 Nf6 5. Qe2 Nbd7 6. Nd6 mate) occurred during the event, too. Club president **Scott Wilson** directed the Fourth Goodwin Open, the largest event in Burlingame Chess Club history.

The club was formed in Redwood City in 1957, moved to San Mateo in 1961 and settled in Burlingame in 1963, now meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at 990 Burlingame Ave. Wilfred Goodwin has directed the club for 31 years—the club named its championship tournament in his honor four years ago.

Overall		
1st	**Allen Ong**	5.5-0.5
Expert		
2nd-4th	**Pat Herbers**	5-1
	Paul Liebhaber	
	Jim Seals	
Class A		
1st	**Carolyn Withgitt**	4.5-1.5
2nd-4th	**Romeo Balingcongan**	4-2
	Ed Palmieri	
	Steve Olujic	
	Harold Edelstein	
Class B-1		
1st	**Jim Zamboukos**	4.5-1.5
2nd-3rd	**Elie Khano**	4-2
	John Fend	
Class B-2		
1st	**Paul Vayssie**	4-2
2nd-3rd	**Dan Smith**	3.5-2.5
	Scott Wilson	
Class C		
1st	**David Alzofon**	4-2
2nd	**Melvin Roberts**	3.5-2.5
3rd-4th	**Buck Eng**	3-3
	Robert Yokota	
Class D		
1st-2nd	**Steve Logue**	3-3
	Manuel Ascencio	
Class E		
1st-3rd	**Arlene Motschenbacher**	2-4
	Jean Hepner	
	Chris Campbell	
Unrated		
1st	**John Hodges**	3-3
2nd	**Eron Sudhausen**	2-4

BEST GAME PRIZES

Master/Expert
Jordy Mont-Reynaud-ALLEN ONG

Class A
John Hodges-ROMEO BALINGCONGAN

Class B-1
JIM ZAMBOUKOS-Dale Schenk

Class B-2
Ray Lim-PAUL VAYSSIE

Class C
Arlene Motschenbacher-ED STRACHAR

Class D
Ken Habeeb-STEVE LOGUE

Class E
JEAN HEPNER-Gordon Gray

Unrated
JOHN HODGES-Mike Ketchum

White: Jim Zamboukos (1772)
Black: Dale Schenk (2051)
Sicilian Defense [B43]
Annotated by Frisco Del Rosario

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 a6

The Kan Sicilian doesn't have much independent significance. Many Kan/Taimanov/Scheveningen positions are transpositions from another in that group.

5. Nc3 Qc7

Kan Sicilianites develop their Queens early because c7 is usually the best square anyway, and they can place their minor pieces according to White's play.

6. Be2 Bb4 7. Bd2

Too passive. 7. Qd3 Nf6 8. 0-0 Nc6 9. Nc6 dc6 (9...Qc6 10. e5+=) 10. f4+=. – Kasparov and Nikitin.

7...Nf6 8. Bd3

Already White regrets Bd2. 8.f3 d5 is also good for Black.

8...0-0 9. 0-0 Nc6 10. Nce2

Rather than allow Black to build pressure on d4, White should swap on c6.

10...Bc5 11. Be3?

Any other move that safeguards the Knight is better. Again 11.Nc6 is a relief.

11...d6?

Black can win at least a pawn with 11...Ng4. 12. Bf4 e5 13. Nc6 seems to hold, but after 13...ef4, White's Knight is out to dry.

12. Kh1?

White's pieces are in a jumble, but it is too much to concede the doubled e-pawns. 12.c3 avoids the worst, foreseeing 12...Ng4 13.Bd2 or 12...e5 13.Nc2. Not as good is 12. f3 Nd4 13. Nd4 Qb6. Obscure is 12. h3 e5 13. Nf5 Bf5 14. ef5 Be3 15. fe3 Qb6 16. Qd2 Nd5 17. Rf3 Qb2, which could be a fair gambit.

12...Ng4 13. c3 Ne3 14. fe3 b5

The thematic Sicilian move is really attractive now that White's weak e-pawn and King rest on the same diagonal, making ...Bb7 better than usual.

15. Nf4

The seeds of cheapo have been sown. 15...Bb7? 16.Nfe6!

15...Ne5 16. Bc2 Nc4

Black wanted to play this before White could play Bb3, but ...Nc4 is premature. Since 16...Bb7 allows 17. Nfe6 (I wouldn't wish to play either side of 17...fe6 18. Rf8 Rf8 19. Ne6 Qf7 20. Nf8 Qf8), perhaps Black's best move is the modest 16...Bd7. White will surely play 17.Bb3 (if he doesn't, 17...Nc4 18. Qe2 Nb2 19. Bb3 Ba3 20. Nc2 Qa5 21. Na3 Qa3 22. Rab1 Nc4 23. Bc4 bc4 24. Qc4 Bb5 is quite possible) and a fight is in store. White's pressure on e6 makes up for his weak pawns and lost Bishop. In Black's quest to play ...Nc4, he has the preparatory ...a5-a4 and ...Bb6 to ponder.

17. Qe2 Bb7

A double-edged move. Black has judged that he can do better than 17...Nb2 18. Bb3 Nc4 19. Bc4 bc4 20. Qc4, and now that his Bishop is out, White's e-pawn will be in capture at the end of the line and Black will be able to swing a Rook to the

critical c-file. In addition, Black finally cements the threat of ...e5, which has failed for so long to Nd5. Lastly, if White plays b3, the c-file will be weakened. On the downside, Black's Bishop has left the defense of e6.

18. b3 Ne5 19. Qf2

White has hung tough and for his efforts, he has the ability to make his first threat.

19...Ba3?

Best is 19...Nd7—not an easy move to find—threatening ...e5 and putting another guard on f8. White can then sacrifice the kitchen sink: 20. e5 de5 21. Nde6 fe6 22. Bh7 Kh7 23. Qh4 Kg8 24. Ng6 Rf1 25. Rf1. Then 25...Nf6? 26. Rf6 gf6 27. Qh8 Kf7 28. Qh7 wins, so Black must return some loot with 25...Bg2! 26. Kg2 Qc6 27. Kh3 Nf6 and Black wins. What, then, should White play after 19...Nd7? Probably 20. Qh4, eyeing the King with the secondary aim of e5, liquidating the weak pawn due to the mate threat. The checkmate motif also saves a Knight after 20...e5: 21.Nd5 Bd5 22.ed5. White's fervent secret desire behind 20.Qh4 is Anastasia's Mate: 20...random 21. Rf3 e5 22. Nf5 ef4 23. Ne7 Kh8 24. Qh7!!.

20. Nfe6! fe6 21. Qf8 Rf8 22. Rf8 Kf8 23. Ne6 Kg8 24. Nc7 Bb2 25. Rd1 Bc3 26. Rd6 Bb4 27. Rb6 Bc6 28. Na6 Bd2 29. Nb8 Ba8 30. Rb5 Ng4 31. Nd7 Be4 32. Be4 Nf2 33. Kg1 Ne4 34. Rb8 Kf7 35. Ne5 Ke6 36. Re8 Kf5 37. g4 1-0

White: Jim Seals (2018)
Black: Paul Gallegos (2200)
Sicilian Defense [B94]
Annotated by Frisco Del Rosario

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6

The plan Argentinian grandmaster Miguel Najdorf developed in the '30s still forms the basis for the Najdorf Variation. Black would like to play ...e5 at some point, staking an equal claim to the center, but his d6 will become weak. So, ...a6 supports Black's queenside advance and also keeps pesky Knights away from b5 where they can pressure d6.

6. Bg5

The best move (that Fischer guy gets by with 6.Bc4), preventing ...e5 because the pin on the Knight will allow an immediate occupation of the d5-hole.

6...Nbd7

A popular move in the '50s and '60s, Black prevents the doubling of his f-pawns and accelerates his queenside play at the cost of his kingside development. Gallegos used to play the modern standard 6...e6 here, but I wonder if he has switched since his nightmarish loss in that line against master Subramanian at the People's last February.

7. Be2

7.Bc4 is "the" move here, but the Estonian legend Paul Keres used to get rich by sending the Bishop from e2 to h5, threatening Ne6 with the disruption of Black's kingside. For instance, 7. Be2 e6 8. 0-0 Qc7 9. Bh5 Qc4? (9...Nh5 10. Qh5 g6 11. Qh4 Bg7 12. Rad1 with good development) 10. Ne6! Qe6 (10...Nh5 11. Qd5!! Qd5 12. Nc7 mate!) 11. Nd5 Kd8 12. Bg4 (1-0, 27, Keres-Kotov, Budapest 1950).

7...Qa5

With threats against White's Bishop and e-pawn.

8. Qd2

Now White's Queen does not support the Bh5 sortie.

8...b5

Less provocative is 8...e6 and 9...Be7. Now White can embark on the speculative 9. Bf6 Nf6 10. e5 de5 11. Nc6 (11. Bf3 ed4-=) Qc7 12. 0-0-0 and now 12...Bd7 stands up but the "Sicilianish" 12...Bb7 provokes the sacrifice 13. Ne5 Qe5 14. Rhe1 with many threats.

9. Nb3 Qc7 10. f3

Another idea behind Be2 is to play Bf3 later with pressure on the long diagonal. Also, f4 is a useful move for White's kingside plans. Therefore, a reasoned move for White would be 10.a3, planning to castle long, play f4, Rhe1, etc.

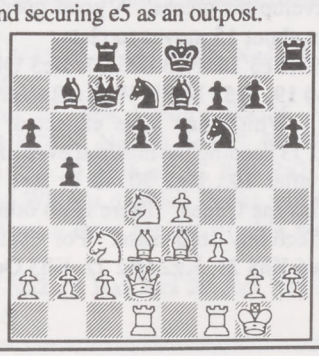
10...e6 11. 0-0 Bb7 12. Rad1 Rc8 13. Bd3

Black renewed his ...b4 threat (this time he menaces the c-pawn), but 13.Bd3 blocks the d-file. Again 13.a3 is worthy. 13.Nd4 also protects the c-pawn, but the natural 13... e5 could tempt White to make an incorrect piece sacrifice: 13. Nd4 e5 14. Nf5 b4 15. Nb1 Qc2 16. Nd6 Bd6 17. Qd6 Qe2 18. Bf6 Nf6 19. Qe5 Kf8 20. Qd6 Kg8 and White has several delightful tries, but he has only two pieces out—in most cases, Black's Queen rushes back to b5 in time to rescue her friends: 21. Qd8 Ne8; 21. Qc7 Qb5; 21. e5 Ne8 22. Qd7 Qb5; 21. Qe7 Bc6.

13...Be7 14. Nd4 h6

An old positional gimmick in the Najdorf is to play ...h6 and ...g5, preferably with tempo, exchanging or restraining White's f-pawn and securing e5 as an outpost.

15. Be3



Black has reason to love his game. He is uncastled, but Najdorf champion GM Browne loves to move his Rook to g8, where it helps the pawn move to g5.

Also consider that Black's King is safer behind the e6/d6 duo than behind the a6/b5 or h6/g5 pawns. Otherwise, his pieces are posted in ideal fashion while White's pieces are less than optimally placed. White's f-pawn would like to be on f4 as part of a mobile pawn duo. His King Knight has moved four times. His Bishops have moved twice each. Those lost moves are usually invested in the g-pawn. In a typical Najdorf clash, White has charged the kingside with g4-g5 and f4-f5-f6 by now. What does Black make of all this good news? I think Black should content himself with the positional goal of ...Ne5. 15...Ne5 16. a3 (16. f4 Neg4, ...Ne3, ...e5, ...ef4, ...Nd7-e5 is good for Black) g5, and suppose White plays to bash Black's g-pawn so he can advance his f-pawn: 17. h4 Rg8 18. hg5 hg5 19. Bg5 Ne4 20. Ne4 Bg5 21. Ng5 Nd3 and Black has the advantage. Gallegos opts for an equally good plan: he strives for ...d5, dissipating White's edge in the center.

15... b4

I'm not sure why ...d5 can't be played now. 15...d5 16. ed5 Nd5 (16...ed5 17. Nf5) 17. Ne6? fe6 18. Bg6 Kf8 and White hasn't enough—Black will begin exchanging with ...Nc3 and ...Bc5.

16. Nce2 d5 17. Ng3 Nc5

Castling must be considered, although Seals would play 18. Bh6 in a blink: 18... gh6 19. Qh6 followed by 20.ed5. Other choices are capturing a time or two on e4 and then sinking the Knight on e5 and 17...Bd6, threatening to capture on g3 and preserving the other options.

18. Nb3

White has set a trap by vacating d4 for his Queen. If Black does not bite, White may wish his Knight were on e2, a more central square.

18...de4 19. fe4 Nce4? 20. Ne4 Ne4 21. Be4 Be4 22. Qd4 Qc2

I suspect Gallegos saw all this and now expected 23.Qd7? Kf8, when Black's checkmate threat affords him the time to play ...Qc6, winning. 23.Qd7 is a mirage, however; White's Queen must menace Black's Bishop.

23. Rd2 Qc6

Black's Queen is overworked.

24. Rc1 Qc1 25. Nc1 Rc1 26. Kf2 Bd5 27. Qg7 Rf8 28. Rd5 1-0

[Part 2 of this article will appear in the March/April issue}.

Machine Mates Masters in Silicon Valley

by NM Peter Yu

One hundred and eight players competed in the Silicon Valley Championships held the weekend of October 17-18. This tournament was organized by the South Bay Syndicate, a group of players who share the common goal of running more and better tournaments in Santa Clara County. Pat Howlett acted as chief organizer, with Carolyn Withgitt as Chief Tournament Director. In their debut effort, the organizers chose one of the finest venues around. The newly-renovated Westin Hotel, adjacent to Santa Clara's high tech Convention Center, offered players the luxury of a first-class tournament, and the convenience of a nearby site.

In the Championship Section, **NM Peter Yu** (2274), **NM Steve Cross** (2208), and **Mahlon Smith III** (2163) tied for first place with 3.5-0.5 each among a field of thirty-one players. Yu earned coveted first-place honors on tie-breaks, and is now the first player seeded into next year's Tournament of Champions. As this was a Silicon Valley tournament, the organizers thought it was only fitting that one silicon-based challenger be allowed to play against the carbon-based thinkers. MChess, a commercially available PC-based program, nearly grabbed a piece of first in a section which included twelve masters! Fortunately for us humans, MChess failed to out-mip Steve Cross in the final round. Nonetheless, wins over NM Ahmad Koopal (2215), NM Cliff Hart (2279), and a draw with NM Keith Vickers (2228), proved that "micro-masters" are here to stay!

Other notable results include co-organizer Doug Dekker's (2135) round one upset over second seed NM Emmanuel Perez (2383), and Alan Stein's (2188) second-round win over top-ranked SM Burt Izumikawa (2482). In fact, so many of the top players had either lost or drawn that in the fourth round only Yu and Smith had perfect scores. Once the two agreed to a draw in the early middlegame, Cross had the opportunity to catch-up, but only after his long, grueling victory over a mechanical foe.

In the Reserve Section, forty-four players competed. After four rounds, **Steve Lender** (1900) of San Francisco emerged as the winner with a perfect score. Close behind were **Manuel Mangrobang** (1892) and **Matt Gerans** (1753), each having given up only one draw in earlier rounds. **Bill Robbeloth** (1757) and **Mario Saballos** (1639) won the Under 1800 prize with 3 points each.

In the Booster Section (Under 1600) **T. Scott Jones** (1580) and **Posheng Yen** (1504) drew each other in the last round to share first place. **Dave Newton** (1525) and **Greg Hinton** (Unr.) tied for third place with 3 points apiece. A unique bonus to this event was the awarding of Howlett Financial & Tax Services' Micro-Prix Points. After this first tournament, Steve Lender leads the pack with 8 Micro-Prix Points, twice the value of his tournament result. HFTS will award generous cash prizes to the top three point accumulators at the end of 1993.

Below are some games annotated by one of the Championship Section's winners.

White: Mark Gagnon (2156)
Black: SM Burt Izumikawa (2482)
Grob Attack [A00]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. g4

The infamous Grob...kids, don't try this at home, or anywhere else for that matter.

1...e5 2. d3 d5 3. h3 Bd6

Black already leads in development and owns the center.

4. Bg2 Ne7 5. c4 d4 6. Nd2 Ng6

Black's Knight eyes f4.

7. Be4 Nd7 8. b3 Bb4 9. Bb2 Nc5 10. Bg2

White moves his King's Bishop a third time in order to avoid doubled e-pawns after 10...Ne4. Normally, 10. Bg6 would be in order. However, after 10...hg6 Black would threaten ...Bg4. Thus we have scientifically traced White's weakness back to its g4 origin.

10...Nf4 11. Kf1 f5 12. Nb1 fg4 13. a3 gh3 14. Nh3 Bh3 15. Bh3

White sacrifices a pawn in order to develop his pieces. A good opening idea, but about 15 moves too late.

15...Bc3 16. Nc3 dc3 17. Bc3 Qf6 18. b4 0-0 19. bc5? Ng2!! White Resigns 0-1

White may have expected 19...Nh3 20. f3 keeping the material even. However, if after 19...Ng2 20. f3 or Be1 20...Ne3 wins the Queen. There is no other way to effectively stop mate. For example, 20. Be6 Kh8 21. Kg2 Qf2 22. Kh3 Qe3 etc.

White: Walter Wood (2069)
Black: NM Cliff Hart (2279)
Blackmar-Deimer Gambit [D00]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e4 de4

Black accepts the dangerous Blackmar-Deimer gambit. A more common move order is 1. d4 d5 2. e4 de4 3. Nc3 Nf6. Instead of 3...de4, Black also has 3...e6 transposing into a Classical French, or 3...Nxe4 which offers to exchange immediately after winning material. By entering the main line, Black must know what he's doing.

4. f3 c6

This seemingly quiet move avoids the traps of 4...ef3 5. Qf3 Qd4 6. Be3 Qb4 7. 0-0-0! Bg4? 8. Nb5 Qa5 (8...Bf3? 9. Nc7 mate) 9. Qb7 +-, as well as the bind following 5. Nf3.

5. fe4 e5!

What a blow to White's superficial center.

6. d5?!

If 6. de5?! Qd1 7. Kd1 Ng4 8. Ke1 Ne5 -+. Best is 6. Nf3.

6...Bb4 7. Bg5 Bc3 8. bc3 Qa5

Suddenly White is forced onto the defensive, with pawns hanging on c3, e4 and d5. It is now apparent that 6. d5 gave up a crucial tempo which lead to White's rapid downfall.

9. Nf3

A true fighter, White tempts 9...Qc3 10. Bd2 Qc5 11. Ne5 cd5 Qf3 after which he might have an inkling of compensation. Black rightly accepts the e-pawn.

9...Ne4 10. Bd2 Qd5 11. Bd3 Nd2 12. Qd2 Be6 13. 0-0?

This last mistake will prove to be too costly a sacrifice.

13...e4 14. Nd4 ed3 15. Ne6 fe6 16. cd3 Nd7 0-1

White: Doug Dekker (2141)
Black: Sinan Kaptanoglu (1965)
Veresov's Opening [D00]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Bg5

Veresov's Opening, a deceptively quiet line which often explodes into complications. White's idea is to push e4. Black can allow this with 3...e6 4. e4 Bb4!, transposing into the controversial French

MacCutcheon. I don't recommend the MacCutcheon for those who are unfamiliar with its many precise lines. However, our own Games Editor, NM Jim Eade, recently published a book, Remember the McCutcheon, which I do recommend.

3...Bf5 4. f3 h6 5. Bh4 g5 6. Bg3 c6 7. e3

Although he has failed to play e4 for now, Dekker does provoke Black to commit early Kingside weaknesses.

7...Bg7 8. Bd3 Qd7 9. e4!?

White gambles a pawn to play his thematic pawn push.

9...de4 10. fe4 Bg4 11. Nf3 Bf3 12. Qf3 Qd4 13. 0-0-0 Nfd7?

The wrong Knight!! 13...Nbd7! develops Black's final piece, allows the option of castling long, and protects e5. After 13...Nbd7, it remains to be seen whether or not White has enough play for the pawn.

14. Rhf1 Qf6?

Unlike baseball, in chess two strikes means you're out! 14...0-0 was Black's last hope.

15. Qe2 Qe6

If 15...Qd4 16. Rf7! Bf6 17. Qh5 or 15...Qg6 16. e5 Qe6 17. Bc4 all win for White.

16. Bc4 Qg6 17. Bf7 Qf7 18. Rf7 Kf7 19. Qh5 Kg8 1-0

White: Scott Cameron (Unr.)
Black: Gary Lazar (1466)
Caro-Kann [B11]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. ed5 cd5 4. d4 Bf5 5. Nc3 e6 6. Bb5 Nd7?

This natural-looking move loses a piece. Since Black shut off his own Queen's Bishop from defending the a4-e8 diagonal, 6...Nc6 was forced to avoid the text. For example, 6...Nc6 7. Ne5 Nge7 8. Bg5? f6! -+.

7. Ne5 Ngf6 8. Bg5 Qc7

There was no way to save the d7 Knight.

9. Bf6 gf6 10. Nd7 Bd6 11. Nb6 Ke7 12. Na8 Ra8 13. Qe2 Bf4?? 14. Nd5 1-0

And now a change of pace, for those of you who like endgames.

White: Kevin Zeigler (2062)
Black: NM Peter Yu (2274)
French Tarrasch [C07]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. Ngf3 cd4 5. ed5 Qd5

Currently the best way to refuse White an advantage. Black avoids isolating his d-pawn and retains a very resilient Sicillian-like pawn structure. Of course White does have a lead in development, but that can only last so long.

6. Bc4 Qd6 7. 0-0 Nc6?!

A big mistake for someone who claims to specialize in the French. I must have played 7...Nf6 hundreds of times in this position. Now 8. Ne4! will yield White a lasting initiative well worth his temporary pawn sacrifice. Fortunately, White never takes advantage of my rustiness and transposes back into the main line with 8. Nb3.

8. Nb3 Nf6 9. Nbd4 Nd4 10. Qd4

White further decreases his winning chances by preparing to exchange Queens. Perhaps one of the most misunderstood techniques in playing a higher-rated opponent, is the idea that one can "play for a draw." The main line, 10. Nxd4, almost always leads to interesting play. GM Andy Soltis-IM Jay Bonin, New York 1992, continued 10...Bd7 11. Re1 Qc5 12. Bf1 Bd6 13. g3 0-0-0 14. Re3 Nd5 15. Rd3 Be5 16. Bg2 Bd4 17. Rd4 Bc6 18. c3 e5 19. Qg4+ Kb8 20. Rc4 h5 21. Qe2 Qd6 22. a4 Nb6 23. Bg5 Bg2 24. Rd4 Bd5 25. a5 f6 26. ab6 fg5 27. Rb4 Bc6 28. Re1 g4 0-1.

10...Bd7 11. Bf4

World Junior Champ IM Ilya Gurevich has tried 11. Be2, which challenges Black's intended h1-a8 fianchetto. I. Gurevich-Yu, Washington D. C., 1989, continued 11...Qd4 12. Nd4 Rc8 13. c4 Bc5 14. Rd1 0-0 15. Be3 Rfd8 16. Rac1 a6 17. Bf3 Bd4 18. Rd4 Bc6 19. Rd8+ Rd8 20. Bc6 bc6 21. Kf1 Ng4 22. Ke2 Ne3 23. Ke3 c5! 24. Rc2 Kf8 25. Rd2 Ke7 26. Rd8 Kd8 27. a3 a5! 28. b3 Kc7 29. h4 1/2-1/2, although Black has the advantage.

11...Qd4 12. Nd4 Rc8 13. Bb3 Bc5!?

This innovation is better than the book line 13...Be7 which led to a draw after 14. Re1 Rc5!? 15. Rad1 0-0 16. Nf3 Rfc8 17. Be3 Ra5 18. Bd4 1/2-1/2, Horvath-Adorjan, Reykavik 1982. 13...Bc5 seems more natural and retains more winning chances by attacking White's Knight.

14. Rad1 0-0 15. Rfe1 Rfe8 16. h3 h6 17. c3 b5 18. Nf3 Bc6 19. Ne5 Bd5 20. Be3 Be3 21. Re3 a5

After much middlegame maneuvering, Black has managed to further his plan of a minority attack. White's strategy remains unclear.

22. Bd5 Nd5 23. Red3 f6 24. Ng4 b4 25. cb4 Nb4

After 25...ab4, I didn't like 26. Ne3 (26. Re1 Kf7 27. Ne3 =) Ne3 27. Re3 Rc2 28. Rb3 Ra8 29. Rd6 e5 30. Rb4 Ra2 31. Rg4! and White's doubled Rooks will ensure at least a draw against Black's weak King.

26. Rd7 Na2 27. Ra7 Rc1 28. Rc1 Nc1 29. Ra5 Rb8

Black appears to have netted a pawn but is not careful in his follow-up and White is able to maintain material equality.

30. Ra6 Kf7?!

Better is 30...e5 31. Ne3 Rb2 32. Ra8 Kh7! (Kf7 33. Nf5 Kg6 24. g4 Rb7 -+) 33. Nf5 (33. Ra7 Ne2 34. Kf1 Nd4 -+) Rb7 -+. By not solidifying the pawn chain, Black unintentionally invites pressure on e6 and his developed, but exposed, King.

31. Ra7 Kg6 32. Ra6 h5?!

32...Kf7 33. Ra7 Kf8! 34. Ra6 e5 35. Ne3 Rb2 35. Nf5 Ra2! -+. The text allows White to regain his pawn but Black still keeps a slight edge.

33. Ne3 Rb2 34. Re6 Ne2 35. Kh2 Nf4 36. Rd6 h4 37. Nd1 Re2 38. g3

White succumbs too quickly to Black's pressure. Although the pawn disconnect is only a small concession, watch how Black's unrelenting technique transforms the positional advantage into material.

38...hg3 39. Kg3 Ne6 40. Kf3 Re5 41. Ne3 Ng5+ 42. Kg2 Re4 43. Ng4 Rf4 44. Rd3 Kh5 45. Kg3

White is not afraid of 45...Nh3 46. Nf6 gf6 47. Kh3 Rf2 since this is a known draw.

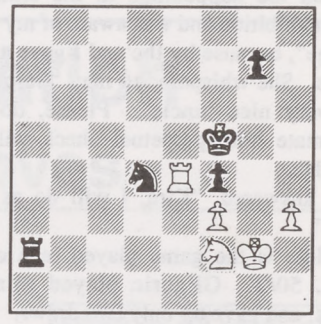
45...Ra4 46. f3 f5! 47. Rd5 f4

47...fg4 only draws after 48. f4!, thus Black plays for mate.

48. Kg2 Ra2 49. Nf2 Kh4 50. Rd8 Ne6 51. Rh8 Kg5 52. Re8 Kf5 53. Rc8

White is out of checks and must resort to passive defense.

53...Ke5 54. Rc1 Nd4 55. Re1 Kf5 56. Re4



This loses immediately. 56. Rd1 Nc2 57. Rd5 Ke6 58. Rg5 Ne3+ 59. Kg1 Ra1 60. Kh2 Nf5 and White may be able to hold.

56...Nf3! 57. Rb4 Ne1 58. Kf1 Rf2 59. Ke1 Rf3 60. Rb5 Kg6 61. Rb4 Kg5 62. Rb5 Kh6 63. h4 Rh3 64. Kf2 Rh4 65. Kf3 g5 66. Rb8 Kg7

66...Rh3 67. Kg4 Rg3 68. Kf5 only helps White's cause. The text dashes any hopes White may still have in this position.

67. Rb7 Kg6 68. Rb8 Rh3 69. Kg2 Rg3 70. Kf2 Kf5 0-1

Readers' Games

by Serge von Oettingen and Adrian Keatinge-Clay

Serge von Oettingen is the founder and for many years the guiding light of the Davis Chess Club.

Originally from Eastern Europe, Serge emigrated to the United States after the war, and got a job with the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of California at Davis. A master-strength player, he quickly formed a club that during the 60s and 70s was one of the strongest in the West.

For twenty years Serge organized tournaments, club events, inter-city matches, and exhibitions. Many strong masters made a stop in Davis, a necessary part of their western itinerary, including Fischer, Smyslov, Gligoric, and others.

Now retired and still living in Davis, Serge no longer competes in weekend tournaments or club events, but he still follows chess. Last year he completed a book of studies on queen endings.

One of his memorable encounters was against Yugoslavian GM Svetozar Gligoric, who came through Davis as part of a California tour that included winning at Lone Pine. During his visit to Davis, Grandmaster Svetozar Gligoric stayed at the house of Gianpaolo and Dianne Comini, both active members of the Davis Chess Club. Their twelve-year-old daughter Kira also knew how to play. She closely watched the happenings in the simultaneous exhibition and was aware of my "advantage", because by the end I gave a few checks. She whispered to me: "Serge, he is a very nice 'uncle'. Please, do not checkmate him, perpetual check will be enough".

I answered, "Kira, I will do as you wish!".

Here is the game played in a clock simul, 50/2. Gligoric played thirteen boards, and gave up only two draws.

White: GM Svetozar Gligoric
Black: Serge von Oettingen (2073)
Davis, CA 3/30/72
Simultaneous Exhibition
Center Counter [B01]
Annotated by Serge von Oettingen

1. e4 d5 2. ed5 Nf6 3. d4 Nd5 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 Nc6 6. c4 Nb6 7. d5 Bf3 8. gf3?!

It is departure from the book, I guess, in order to open the KN file for the future attack after castling long side. But White never came to castle.

8...Ne5 9. f4 Ng6 10. h4 e5 11. fe5

I expected only 11. de4, which seems to me much stronger.

11...Ne5 12. Nc3 Bb4 13. Qb3 Qe7 14. Be3 Bc5 15. Qb5 Nbd7 16. Bc5

After 16. Qb7 Black will be happy.

16...Nd3 17. Kf1 N3c5 18. b4

For a short moment here I was thinking that the grandmasterly Queen was trapped, but then I saw the escape square: White's a3.

18...a6 19. Qa5 Ne4 20. Ne4 Qe4 21. Rh3 0-0 22. Qc7 Ne5 23. Re1 Rac8 24. Qb7 Nc4 25. Bc4 Qc4 26. Kg2 Rcd8 27. Re5 Rd6 28. h5 Qd4 29. Qe7

With the unpleasant treat ...h6!

29...Rd5 30. Re4 Rg5 31. Rg3 Rg3 32. fg3

If 33. Re2, ...Qd4 check, and ...Qa???

32...Qd2 33. Kh3 h6 34. Re2 Qd5 35. Qe5 Qh1 36. Rh2 Qf1 37. Rg2 Qh1 1/2-1/2

I was considering to play for a win, 37...Rc8, but could not find anything forced after 38. Qe2. I was left with only 12 minutes for 13 moves, my opponent having more than one hour on his clock. I decided not to risk it.

White: Adrian Keatinge-Clay (1914)
Black: Matthew Morgan (2275)
Denker High School Championship 8/92
Nimzo-Indian Defense [E41]
Annotated by Northern California 1992 High School Champion Adrian Keatinge-Clay

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 c5 5. Bd3 Bc3?!

Giving White doubled pawns, but Black should keep pressure in the center with ...Nc6 or ...d5.

6. bc3 Nc6 7. Ne2

With hopes of a future e4.

7...0-0 8. 0-0 d5

Though ...b6 or ...d6 is passive, it was worth a try. Now White seizes the diagonal a3-f8 since Black's Bishop is left.

9. Ba3

Envisioning the position after move 12. Black must try to save the pawn on c5 so...

9...dc4 10. Bc4 Na5 11. Bd3 c4 12. Bc2 Re8

With the Black Knight out of the way on a5, the queenside closed, and Bishops pointed at the Black King I knew a kingside attack was in order.

13. f4

Preventing ...e5 and setting up e5-e5-f5.

13...Nd5 14. Rf3 f5 15. e4 Nf6 16. Ng3 g6 17. Qf1

Trying to get Rooks doubled on the e-file and Black's Knight stays out of play unless the c-pawn is protected.

17...b5 18. Re1 Bb7 19. Rfe3 Ng4 20. Rf3 Qh4?! 21. h3 Nf6 22. Rfe3 Nc6 23. Bd6?!

23. df5 wins.

23...Rad8 24. Be5?! Ne5 25. fe5 Nd7??

Huh? Black tries for a win? Instead of simplifying for a draw, Black keeps pieces on the board and hopes for me to make an error. No such luck!

26. ef5 gf5 27. Bf5 ef5 28. Nf5 Qh5

The only square.

29. Rg3 Kh8 30. Ng7 Qh6

If 30...Qh4, 31.R g4 Qe7 32. Ne8 Re8 33. Rf4 and White is winning.

31. Ne8 Re8 32. Qf7 1-0

White: Jeremy Martin (2137)
Black: Adrian Keatinge-Clay (1914)
Denker High School Championship 8/92
Sicilian Defense [B60]
Annotated by Adrian Keatinge-Clay

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Bf6 gf6 10. Nd5 f5 11. Bd3 Be6 12. 0-0 f4!?

An idea typical of this variation. But perhaps 12...Bg7 or 12...Bd5 is better.

13. c3 Rg8 14. f3 Qg5 15. Rf2 Ra7 16. Nc2 f5?!

Too ambitious, I ignore the queenside and try for something on the kingside.

17. a4 ba4 18. Ra4 Kf7

Better is ...a5.

19. Ra6 Ra6 20. Ba6 fe4 21. fe4 Kg7 22. Be2 Kh8

I have nothing on the kingside, but I'm stubborn.

23. b4 Rg6 24. Bf3?!

Why?

24...Rh6 25. b5 Ne7 26. Ne7 Be7 27. b6 Bd8 28. Qb1

Why not b7?

28...Qh4 29. h3 Qg3 30. Qb5 Bd7 31. Qd7? Bb6 32. Qc8 Qg8 33. Qg8 Kg8 34. Kf1 Bf2 35. Kf2 Re6

Black tries for the draw, it's harder for White to win than it looks. The d6 pawn is on a dark square and it is hard to construct a plan to win.

36. Nb4 Re7 37. Nd5 Ra7 38. Ke2 Kf7 39. Kd3 Ra2

The Bishop becomes a pawn.

40. Kc4 Rb2 41. Nb4 Ke6 42. Kb5 Kd7

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43. c4 Kc7 44. c5 dc5 45. Kc5 Kd7 46. Kc4 Kd6 47. Kc3 Rf2 48. Nd5 Ke6 49. Kd3 Rb2 50. Nc3 Kf6 51. Ne2 Ra2 52. Nc3 Rb2 53. Nd5 Ke6 54. Kc4 Rc2 55. Kb5 Kf7 1/2-1/2

It's a miracle I survived!

White: Jim Al-Shamma (2153)
Black: Rodolfo Zapata (2109)
Pelikan Sicilian [B33]
Annotated by Jim Al-Shamma

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1. e4 e6 2. d4

It looks like a French...

2...c5

...but it's not! Now 3. d5 is the Franco-Benoni. I prefer to steer for a Sicilian.

3. Nf3 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6

We appeared to have settled into a Sicilian Four Knights, but there's one more transposition in the works.

6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bf4 e5 8. Bg5

We finally land in the Pelikan variation.

8...a6 9. Na3 Be6

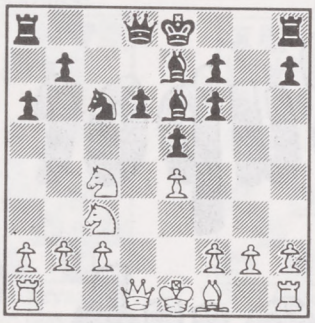
The old line. Sveshnikov's 9...b5, besides threatening 10...b4, keeps the Na3 from recirculating via c4.

10. Nc4 Be7

Commits the Bishop too early. More flexible is 10...Rc8.

11. Bf6 gf6

A typical position in this variation. Black's long-term pawn weaknesses (holes on 5 an f5, doubled f-pawns) are balanced by the potential of his two Bishops and possibility of pressure down the half-open g-file. White will tighten his grip on the light squares with Bd3, Ne3, an Ncd5. Were Black's Bishop still on f8 it could be developed to h6 and traded for the Ne3, increasing his chances for a pawn break with ...d5 or ...f5. With the Bishop on e7, it's difficult for Black to generate counterplay.



12. Ne3 Qa5

The Queen is misplaced here. Better is 12...Rc8.

13. Bd3 Nd4

The Knight appears well-posted but will soon be driven back.

14. 0-0 Rc8 15. Ncd5 b5

After this move, White wins material by force. Black's position is critical in any case. Embarrassing is 15...Rg8 16. c3 Nc6 17. Qh5 Rg7 18. Qh6. Black can prepare castling with 15...Qd8, but after 16. c3 Nc6 17. Qh5, White threatens Qh5-h6-g7, and 17...0-0 is met by 18. f4 with a crushing attack.

16. c3

16. Ne7 Ke7 swaps White's good Knight for Black's bad Bishop.

16...Nc6 17. a4 b4

Else 18. ab5 wins at least a pawn. 17...ba4 18. Ra4 picks up the little guy on a6.

18. cb4 Nb4 19. Qe1!

The Queen would not be protected on d2 (see note 4 to move 20).

19...Rb8

Or 19...Nc6 20. b4 d8 21. Ba6.

20. Ba6!

Threatening 21. Bb5, cutting off the pinned Knight's life support. For example:

1) 20...Bd7 21. Bb5 Bb5 22. ab5 and Black must abandon the Knight as 22...Qb5 loses to 23. Nc7.

2) Kf8 21. Bb5

3) 20...Bd5 21. Nd5 changes nothing.

4) 20...Nc6 21. Bb5 (with the White Queen on d2, this move would not be possible), and then:

a) 21...Qe1 22. Bc6 Kf8 23. Rfe1 wins a piece;

b) 21...Bd7 22. Bc6 ditto;

c) 21...Rb5 (Black's best try, but still no picnic) 22. ab5 Qe1 23. Rfe1

i) 23...Nd8 24. Ra7 Bd5 25. Nd5 Bf8 26. Nf6 mate;

ii) 23...Nd4 24. Ra8 Bd8 25. Nf6 Ke7 26. Ned5 etc.

Of course, 20...Na6 loses the Queen (21. Qa5) as does...

20...Qa6 21. Nc7 1-0

Guide to Chess Notation

How to Read Chess Moves

Algebraic notation is a simple grid-reference system for recording chess moves. Each square on the board is identified by a combination of a letter and a number, as seen on the accompanying diagram. The files (vertical columns) are lettered *a* to *h* from left to right as seen from White's side of the board; the ranks (horizontal rows) are numbered *1* to *8* starting with the rank closest to White's edge of the board.

A move is recorded by giving the abbreviation of the piece that is moving (K for king, Q for queen, R for rook, N for knight, B for bishop), followed by its destination square. For example, Nf3 indicates a Knight move to the f3 square. A pawn move is usually recorded by giving only its destination square (although the square it is moving from is also occasionally given to indicate that it is a move, not the name of a square).

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a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	f5	g5	h5
a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	f4	g4	h4
a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	f3	g3	h3
a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	f2	g2	h2
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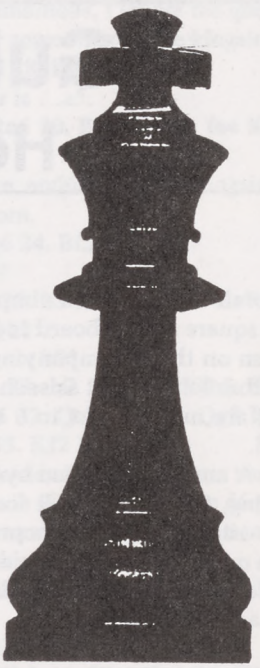
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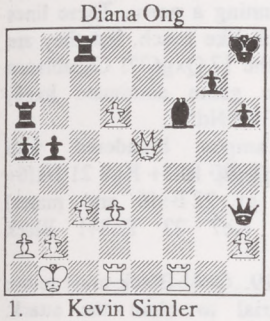
What Is the Best Move?

by NM David Forthoffer

See if you can find the best move in each of the following positions. The best move involves tactics, often leading to mate or a decisive win. Sometimes it might be to just win a pawn, or find the only move to stave off immediate disaster. If you understand the tactics, you'll know the *best* move. We're not talking subtle strategy!

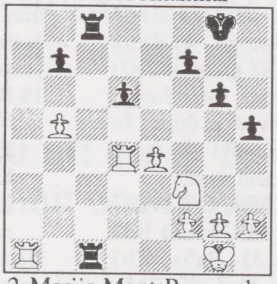
The numbers in parentheses give the number of minutes you may want to spend on each position. The answers are on page 10.

Diana Ong



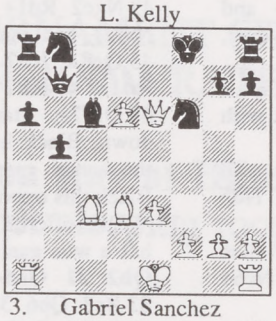
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Susheel Khamkar



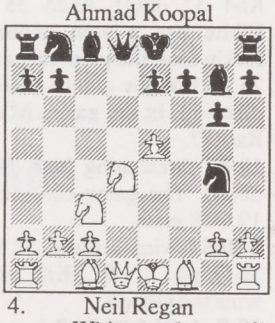
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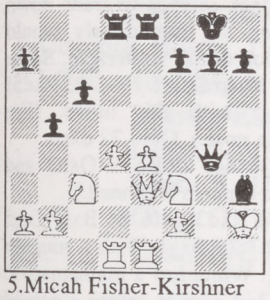
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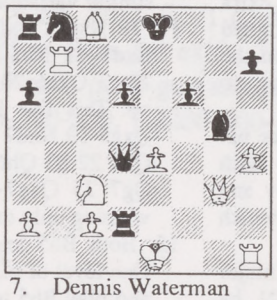
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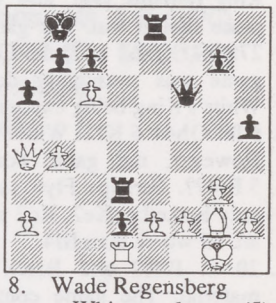
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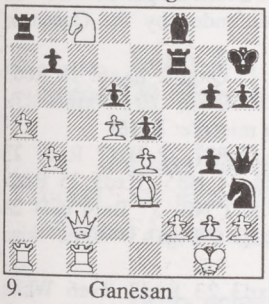
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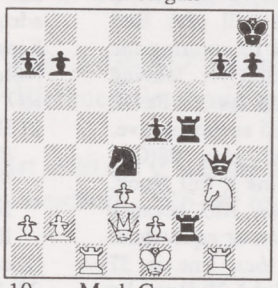
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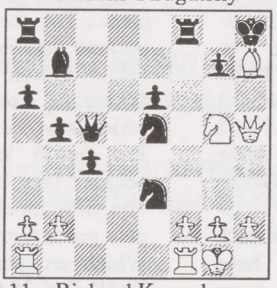
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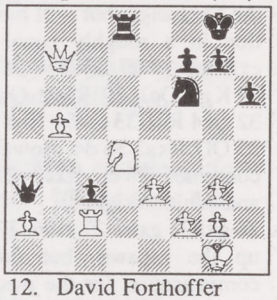
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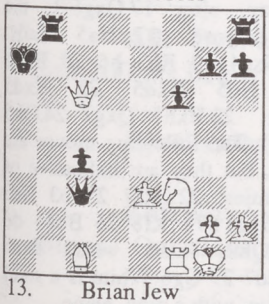
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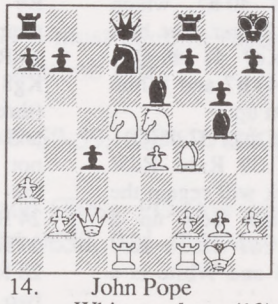
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Matthew Gross



13. Brian Jew
White to play (10)

Jon Frankle



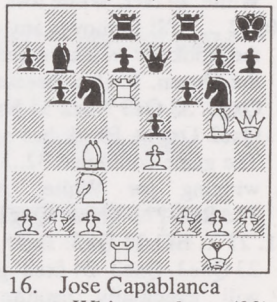
14. John Pope
White to play (12)

Henry Robles



15. Filipp Frenkel
White to play (12)

Campos (simul.)



16. Jose Capablanca
White to play (20)

What is the Best Move?

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To count as solving a problem, you should have examined all the **bold face moves**.

1. White is a piece down, and would be happy with a draw. **29 Rxf6!** and White has at least a perpetual check. Give yourself double credit if you saw that White wins: 29 ... gf 30 Qxf6+ Kh7 31 Qf7+ Kh8 32 d7 Rca8 33 Qe8+ Kh7 34 Qe7+ Kg6 35 Rg1+ Kh5 36 Qe8+! Kh4 37 d8Q+ Rxd8 38 Qxd8+ and White has a won ending. However, Kevin took the perpetual check.
2. **25 Rd1** White avoids mate and stays a piece up. In the game, Marijo lost with Rxc1??.
3. **18 d7** threatening both Bb4 mate and d8(Q). The game continued 18 ... Nd5 19 Qd8 mate.
4. **9 Bb5+** wins a piece. If 9 ... Bd7 then 10 Qxg4. If 9 ... Kf8 then 10 Ne6+ wins the Queen.
5. **27 Rg1 Qh5 28 Rg3** leaves Black with no good discovered checks. White's King remains safe, and White's extra piece should win. The game continued 27 Nh4? Qxh4 28 Qxh3 Qxf2+ and the game was eventually drawn due to White's King being exposed.
6. **5 fe! Qh4+ 6 Kf1!** White is a piece up. However, the game continued with 5 Bf4??. Perhaps Flyn saw Qh4+ and only looked at Ke2, Kd2 and g3, which are all worse than Bf4.
7. **20 ... Rxc2** and Black wins major material. The game continued 21 hg Qd2+ and White resigned.
8. **26 ed! Re1+ 27 Bf1**. White will lose the Exchange, but will have compensation in a roughly equal ending. For example, 27...Qc3 28 cxb7 Kxb7 29 Kg2 Qc1 30 Rxd2 Qxd2 31 b5 a5 32 Qc4 Rc1 33 Qd5+ Kb8 34 Qxh5 Rc2 35 Qf7 Rxa2 36 d4. However, the game continued 26 cb Rxe2 27 Bf1 Qxf2+ and White resigned.
9. **26 gxh3!** gxh3 27 Nb6. Black can pick up the h-pawn, but does not have compensation for the piece. The game went 26 Kh1?? Nxf2+ 27 Bxf2 Rxf2 28 Qd3. This is not an obvious win for White. In fact, White lost.
10. **32 ... Rf8!** Removes any threat against the Rook, as well as defending c8 with the Queen. It also threatens Nxe2 and Qxg3. **33 Qe3 Nxe2** 34 Nxe2 Rxe2+ 35 Qxe2 Qxg1+ Black has a won ending. The game continued 32...Qxg3? 33 Rc8 winning for White. Also bad is 32...Rf1+?? 33 Nxf1 Qxg1?? 34 Rc8+.
11. **21 ... Bf3 22 Qh3! Bg4! 23 Qh4!** (not 23 Qxe3 Qxe3 24 fxe3 g6 and Black will eventually capture the White Bishop because the Black Knight cannot be dislodged) **Nxg2 24 Kxg2 Nf3 25 Qxg4 Qxg5** and Black reaches an ending a Pawn up.

    Of course, not 22 Qh4?? Nxg2 23 Qh3 Bg4 24 Qxg2 Nf3+ 25 Nxf3 Bxf3 26 Qh3 Qg5+ 27 Qg3 Qxg3+ 28 fxg3 Kxh7 leaving Black with a piece up. White resigned here.
12. **41 ... Qb2!** threatening 42...Qxc2 43 Nxc2 Rd1+ 44 Kh2 Ng4+ 45 Kh3 Nxf2+ and mate next. **42 Qc7 Rxd4 43 Qc8+ Kh7 44 Qf5+ g6 45 Rxb2 Rd1+ 46 Kh2 cxb2 47 Qxf6 b1(Q) 48 Qxf7+.** Starting from two Pawns down, Black has achieved a draw. In the actual game, White did not give Black this opportunity, and won.
13. White offered a draw here. But White has a won game! **29 Nd4 Qb4 30 Bd2 Qb2 31 Qa4+** Kb6 32 Ba5+ Kb7 33 Bc3 Qb6 34 Qd7+ Qc7 35 Rb1+ Ka8 36 Qd5+ Rb7 37 Ra1+ Kb8 38 Nc6+ White wins. Take credit for similar variations.
14. **18 Nxd7! Bxf4 19 Qc3+ f6 20 Nxf8 Bxd5 21 Ne6** Bxh2+ 22 Kxh2 Qd6+ 23 g3 Qxe6 24 exd5 White is a Rook up. This line is better than 18 Bxg5? Qxg5 19 Nxd7 Bxd7 20 Qc3+ f6 21 f4 Qh4 22 g3 Qh6 23 Nxf6 Bh3 24 Nd7+ Qg7 25 Qxg7+ Kxg7 26 Nxf8 Kxf8 winning only the Exchange.
15. Both Bh5 and d8(Q)+ win material. One level of player will not see d8(Q)+ and play Bh5 to win the exchange. The second level will play d8(Q)+ because they think it wins the Queen for a piece. The third level will play Bh5 because they see Black recapturing the White Queen after d8(Q)+, leaving White the Exchange up for a Pawn, which is worse than Bh5 seems to give. The fourth level will play d8(Q)+ because they see it wins a full Rook. The fifth level will play Bh5 because they see it wins a Queen or equivalent. Which are you? The *best* line is 37 **Bh5!! Rc6 38 Qxb6 Rxb6 39 Bxg6 hg 40 Rd2!** overloading the Black Knight. This 40th move was better than the game continuation of 40 h7, which dragged the game out longer. The best line continues **40 ... Kc7 41 d8(Q)+ Nxd8 42 Rxd8 Kxd8 43 h7** and White becomes a whole Queen up.

    This line is better than 37 d8(Q)+ Nxd8 38 Nd7+ Bxd7 39 Rxb6 Rd5! Now it looks like Black will regain the Queen. 40 Rd6! White sets up a skewer. 40 ... Rxd4 41 Rxd4 Kc7 42 Rad2 Bc6 43 Rxd8 and White is a full Rook up.
16. **17 R1d3!! fxg5** (aiming to defend h7 by playing h6) **18 Qxg6** threatening Qxh7+ and mate soon. (Not 18 Rxg6 Qc5 threatening Qxf2+) **18 ... Rf6 19 Qxg5** White has won a pawn with the better game. For example, 19...Na5 20 Rxf6 gxf6 21 Rxd7 fxg5 22 Rxe7 Nxc4 23 Rxb7. Or **18...h6 19 Nd5!** (19 Rh3? g4!) **Qf7 20 Qxf7 Rxf7 21 Nxb6** winning a pawn. These lines may not look like much, but they are better than the 17 Qxg6??! Capablanca played. The game continued hxg6! 18 R6d3 Rf7 19 Nd5.

    Now Campos blundered with 19 ... Qc5?? 20 Rh3+ Kg8 21 Nxf6+ Kf8 (if gf 22 Bxf6 and mates) 22 Rh8+ Ke7 23 Re8+! Black resigns.

    Better was 19...Qe6! Black must return some material to blunt the attack. 20 Nxf6! Taking advantage of the fact that the Black Queen must defend h3. 20 ... d5! Black intends to trade down on f6. Doing so immediately would leave his Rook on d8 vulnerable. So he arranges to swap it off first. 21 exd5! White draws with this move. (For 21 Bxd5? see **note**.) Qc8! 22 dxc6.

    (Of course not 22 Rh3+ Qxh3 and the White d-pawn is pinned.)

    22...Rxd3 23 Rxd3 gxf6 24 Bxf7 fxg5 25 cxb7 Qxb7 26 Bxg6 With a roughly even ending. White has a mathematical superiority, but cannot create a passed pawn because it would expose his King too much. Black's pawns can be adequately defended by the Queen or King.

    Note: After 17 Qxg6?! hxg6! 18 R6d3 Rf7 19 Nd5 Qe6! 20 Nxf6! d5!, 21 Bxd5 is a mistake: Rxf6!

    (Not 21...Qc8?? 22 Bxf7 Rxd3 23 Rxd3 Nd4 24 Nd5! Bxd5 25 Bxd5 Ne2+ 26 Kf1 Nf4 27 Bxf4 exf4 28 Rh3+ Qxh3 29 gxh3 White wins easily.)

    22 Bxe6 Rxd3 23 Rxd3 Rxe6 White faces a difficult ending. For example, 24 Rd7 Ba6 25 c3.

    By the way, after 17 Qxg6?!, the tempting defense 17...Na5 fails: 18 R1d3! Nxc4 19 Rh3 h6 20 Bxh6 Kg8 21 Nd5 Bxd5 22 Rxd5 (threatening 23.Bxh7 Qxg7 24.Qh5 and 25.Rg3). The following moves are not forced, but they are indicative of the possibilities. 22...Rf7 23 b3 Na5 24 Bd2 Qe6 25 h7+ Kf8 26 Bb4+ d6 27 Bxa5 (Qh8+ also wins) bxa5 28 Rxa5 Rdd7 29 Qg6 White is a solid two Pawns up, with a won game.

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Local Youths Win at Nationals

by Joe Lonsdale

The Mission San Jose Elementary School (Fremont, CA) 5th grade chess team won the 1992 National 5th Grade Championship the weekend of November13th-15th in Phoenix, Arizona. Over 480 children competed in this National-by-grade-Championship.

The winning 5th grade team consisted of Eric Lin (5-1, 3rd place individual trophy), Joey Lonsdale (5-1, 4th place individual trophy), and Kevin Simler (4-2, losing only to number 1 and number 2, 7th place individual trophy). This result gave the team fourteen out of a possible eighteen points and a two point win over the nearest competition. Austin Ozawa (3-3), Kevin So (3-3), and Chris Miller (2-4) also competed for MSJE in the fifth grade.

Also winning trophies for MSJE at the Nationals were Jeffrey Lonsdale (5-1, 4th place individual trophy) in third grade and Jonathan Lonsdale (5-1), second place individual trophy) in kindergarten. Jonathan missed a back rank mate that would have given him the national championship!

In addition to the MSJE team, Northern California was represented by Vinay Bhat, (6-0) who won the first place trophy in third grade and Harish Bhat (5-1) who took second place in the ninth grade. All seven Northern California individual trophy winners, and the coach of the winning fifth grade team are students of Richard Shorman.

Mission San Jose went into the fifth grade team competition with pairings number 5, 10, 15, and 23. The closest competition was a team from Bloomington, Illinois that had numbers 6, 8, and 19. In the second round MSJE's number 23 (Eric Lin 1091) was paired against number 6 (Andrew Chambers 1465). Eric won a convincing victory which is shown below. The Illinois team dropped two points behind that round, and neither they (nor anyone else) got any closer. Eric went on to win his first five games losing only in the last round to a 1798 player.



Mission San Jose's 5th Grade Team
(l-r) Joey Lonsdale, Kevin So, Eric Lin, Austin Ozawa, Kevin Simler, and Chris Miller



Individual Winners
(l-r) Joey Lonsdale, Jonathan Lonsale, Eric Lin, Kevin Simler, and Jeffrey Lonsdale
(Photos by Joe Lonsdale)

White: Eric Lin (1091)
Black: Andrew Chambers (1465)
Evans Gambit [C51]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4 Nb4 5. c3 Nc6 6. d4 ed4 7. cd4 Bb4 8. Bd2 Bd2 9. Qd2 h6 10. 0-0 d6 11. Nc3 a6 12. Rfe1 Nge7 13. Rad1 b5 14. Bb3 Bg4 15. Re3 0-0 16. Rde1 Ng6 17. h3 Bd7 18. Nd5 Rc8 19. e5 Nh4 20. ed6 cd6 21. Qd3 Rb8 22. Re4 Bf5 23. Nh4 Be4 24. Re4 Qg5 25. Rg4 Qc1 26. Kh2 Kh8 27. Bc2 g6 28. Ng6 fg6 29. Qg6 Rb7 30. Ne3 Rg7 31. Qg7 mate 1-0

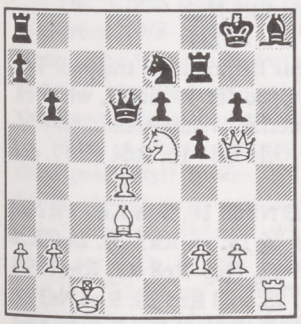
White: Matthew Sean (1302)
Black: Vinay Bhat (1615)
Four Knights [C49]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bb5 Bb4 5. d3 Nd4 6. Bd2 Bc3 7. Nd4 Bb2 8. Rb1 Bd4 9. c3 Bb6 10. 0-0 0-0 11. Qf3 c6 12. Ba4 h6 13. Qg3 Kh8 14. Bd1 d5 15. ed5 Qd5 16. Bf3 Qd3 17. Rbd1 Qf5 18. Rfe1 Bc7 19. Be2 Ne4 20. Qe3 Bb6 21. Qd3 Qf2 0-1

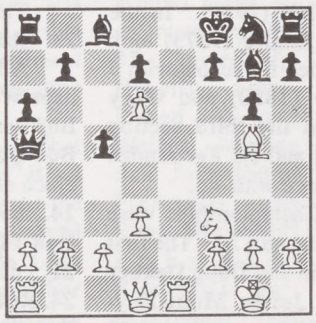
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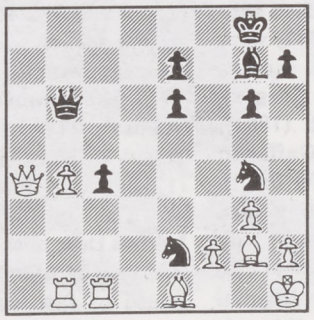
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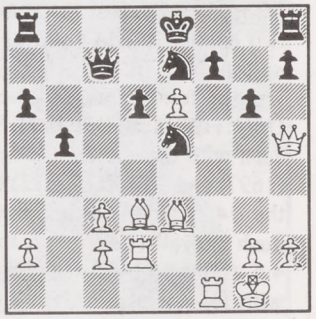
Fedorovitch-Vaganian, 1990
A. White to move and win



Rossolimo-Romanenko, 1948
B. White to move and win

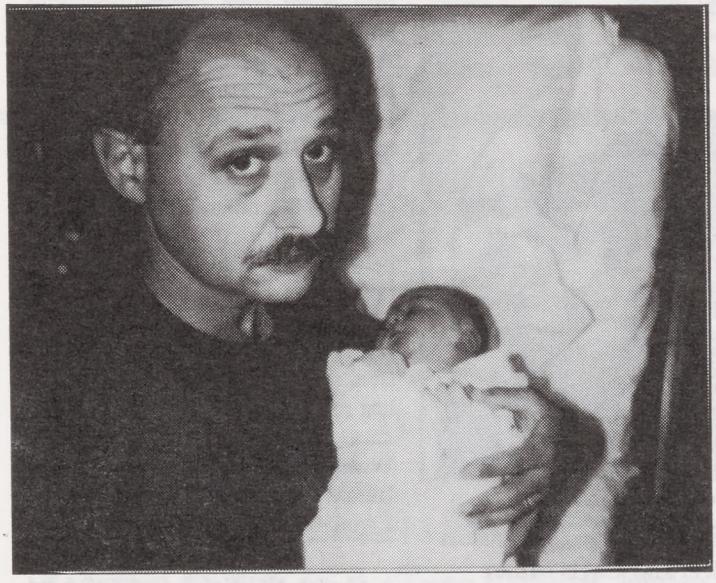


Stashkov-Klimenko, 1973
C. Black to move and win



Tal-Suetin, 1969/70
D. White to move and win

Around The State



NM Dmitry Zernitsky ponders, "Is the chess gene hereditary?"

Here is a short game from the tournament.

White: Robert Smith (1881)
Black: David Goldfarb (1882)
King's Indian Samisch [E83]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 0-0 6. Be3 Nc6 7. d5 Ne5 8. Bd3 e6 9. Nge2 ed5 10. cd5 Nfd7 11. Rc1 Nc5 12. Bb1 Qh4 13. Bf2 Qg5 14. Bg3 Qe3 15. Bf4 Ned3 0-1

BANK OF AMERICA CLUB

Tournament director/Club President **Joe Puechner** reports on the club's final event of 1992:

In spite of inclement weather and a 49er's home game, the turnout was as good as expected (16 players). The highlight of the event was the game between **Brian Jew** and **Paul Liebhaber** which gave Brian the well-deserved Championship. **Ted Prokos** made a showing after a long absence due to illness. **Ray Rotor** made a rare appearance and the ever elusive **Tom Willis** showed and even came in second place. Cash prizes were awarded to the top four finishers, and book/equipment prizes were won by all rest of the players.

As promised, the club provided coffee (we forgot the tea, sorry) and an assortment of fruits and delicious confectionery.

BERKELEY CLUB

The club's October sectional tournament attracted 66 players. **James Jones** (2142) won the Master-Expert section with two points. **David Goldfarb** (1882) went undefeated in the 1700-1999 section w***ith four points, followed by **Gregory Odle** (1926) and **Robert Smith** (1881), each with three points. **Steven Gaffagan** (1697) and **Jeff Ely** (1572) tied for first in the 1400-1699 section with 2.5 points. **Josh Powell** (1269) won the U1400 with 4.5, followed by **Dwight Kearney** (1273) with four points. **David Ashtaralnakhai** and **Paul Nicoloff** were the top Unrateds with two points each. **David Goldfarb** and **Elizabeth Shaughnessy** directed.

FRESNO CLUB

Dave Quarve submitted the following results from the December 5th quads: Quad I: **John Charles Barnard** (2100) 2-1; Quad II: **Lewis A. Martinez** (1706) 3-0; Quad III: **Sue Vang** (1476) 2.5-0.5; Quad IV: **Albert F. Martinez** (1424) 3-0; Swiss V: 1st: **Clarence H. Morrison** (1221) 2.5-0.5, 2nd-3rd: **Bill R. Thomas** (1221) and **Chad Jarirngerasert** (Unr.) 2-1 each.

Dave is moving to Colorado in the new year leaving the Fresno Club in the capable hands of **Dennis Wajckus**. Northern California will sorely miss Dave's energy and expertise. Fresno's reputation as a well-run club is hard-earned and well deserved. Thanks Dave, we'll miss you!

KOLTY CLUB

The "Last Chance in '92" tournament was held October 29-December 10. In the top section, **John Romo** (2117) led the charge with 4.5-0.5, besting **Doug Dekker** (2142) and **Pat Howlett** (1979). In the second section, **Teri Lagier** (1873) took clear first with 4.5. Tied for secondwith 4 were **Jim Humecky** (1880) and **Gary Schuster** (1823). In the third section **David Millers** (1400) and **Ed Fernandez** (1212) tied for first place with 4.5.

The Club Blitz Championships were held on December 10th and 17th. The first was won by **Alan Stein** and **Doug Dekker** ahead of fast-rising **Jordy Mont-Reynaud**. In the second Blitz tournament **NM Renard Anderson** took clear first half a point ahead of another prodigy, **Vinay Bhat**. Third were Club Champion **Kevin Ziegler** and **Michael Da Cruz**.

The Kolty Club Grand Prix 1992 winners were:

Master/Exp.	**Allen Becker**	**$100**
"A" Section	**David Betanco**	**$50**
"B" Section	**Albert Rackett**	**$50**
"C" Section	**Charles Welch**	**$50**
"D/E" Section	**David Driedger**	**$50**

After three years of superb stewardship, **Julie and Neil Regan** have handed the day-to-day management of the club to an executive committee, consisting of **Barry Wayne Curto, Doug Dekker, Flyn Penoyer, John Romo,** and **John Simpson**. The new committee is pledged to maintain the standards of excellence established by Pat and Fred Mayntz and maintained by Neil and Julie.

LOWELL SECTIONALS

Russell Wong (2160) won the October 17th tournament with a perfect 3-0 score. Tied for second place were **James Jones** (2142), **Pascal Baudry** (2123), and **Kip Brockman** (2042), each scoring 2-1. **Peter Dahl** directed.

These events are held monthly throughout the school year to help sponsor the high school team in its annual spring trip to the National High School Championships.

The next Lowell Sectional will be Saturday, January 23, 1993.

White: NM Romulo Fuentes (2208)
Black: James Jones (2142)
Modern Defense [B06]
Annotated by Peter Dahl

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d6 4. f4 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be3 Bf3 7. gf3 e6 8. Qd2 Qh4 9. Bf2 Qf6 10. 0-0-0 0-0-0 11. d5?

11. Bb5 Nge7 12. Ne2 followed by c3 is much better.

11...ed5 12. ed5 Nb4

Threatens 13...Na2.

13. Kb1 Ne7 14. Ba7??

Allows his Bishop to be trapped. Perhaps White hoped for 14...Na2, when 15. Bh3 wins material. White should play 14. Bd4 Qd4 15. Qd4 Bd4 16. Rd4 c5 17. dc6 Nbc6 etc.

14...b6 15. a3 Nbd5 16. Ba6 Kd7 17. Na4 Ra8 18. Bb5 c6 19. c4 Ra7 20. Bc6 Kc6 21. cd5 Kb7 22. Nc3 Rc8 23. Rhe1 Nf5 24. Re4 Ra3! 25. ba3 Rc3 26. Rb4 Ne3 27. Re1 Rb3! 28. Ka2 Nc4! 29. Qc1 Ra3 30. Qa3 Na3 0-1

If 31. Ka3 Qc3 wins a Rook. If 31.

Rc1 Nc2 32. Rc2 Qa1 33. Kb3 Qb1 also wins a Rook.

The November 21st tourney was won by **Romulo Fuentes** (2208) with 3-0. Tied for second with 2-1 were **Mark Gagnon** (2156), **James Jones** (2142), **Kip Brockman** (2042), and **Bill Karneges** (1791).

Section B was won by **Ken White** (1594), with a perfect 3-0. Second was shared between **Andrew Milburn** (1275), **Bill Grimaldi**, **Michael Karbushev**, and **Robert Sullivan** (1962).

Peter Dahl directed the tournament and submitted the following game played between rising junior star **Vinay Bhat** (1710) and veteran **Jason Ochoa** (2050).

White: Vinay Bhat (1710)
Black: Jason Ochoa (2050)
Alehkine's Opening [B04]
Annotated by Peter Dahl

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1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. d4 d6 5. ed6 ed6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. Be2 0-0 8. Nf3 Bg4 9. b3 Nc6 10. 0-0 Bf6 11. Be3 Re8 12. Qd2 Qd7 13. h3 Bf5 14. Bd3 Nb4 15. Bf5 Qf5 16. Rac1 Rad8 17. Nb5 c5 18. a3 Nc6 19. Bf4 Re4?

19...Nc8 was necessary.

20. Bd6 Nd4 21. Nfd4 Bd4 22. Bc7!! Rd7 23. Nd6 Qe6 24. Ne4 Rc7 25. Nc5!! Rc5

Not 25...Bc5, since 26. Qd8 wins the Rook.

26. Qd4 Rc8 27. Rfe1 Qg6? 28. c5! 1-0

28...Na8 29. Qd7 Rf8 30. Re8 is too much! The youngster does it again!!

The December 19th tournament was won by **Mark Gagnon** (2138) and **Rex DeAsis** (2137) with three points each. Section II was swept by **Von Motschenbacher** (1617) with 3-0. **Harish Bhat** (1705) and **Morgan Gray** tied for second place with 2-1 each. The tournament was directed by **Peter Dahl**.

MODESTO CLUB

Chief T.D Joseph C. de Leon, sends in the following report:

The "Chess fight at K.O. Corral" was held from 10/8-11/5/92 at Round Table Pizza. The five-round Swiss tournament attracted twenty-seven entries including seven new scholastic memberships.

What a chess tournament!! What chess gunfights!! In Round 2, "Bad" **Brad Smith** (1611) gave new meaning to the song "I Shot the Sheriff", when he gunned down the T.D. Sheriff **Joseph de Leon** (1982). "Top Gun" **Robert Raingruber** (2076) gave up only two draws on his way to clear first place, to "The Kid" **Jose Juan de Leon** (2018)in round three and "Dead-Eye" **Don Tiffin** (1907) in round 5. Slap leather and say, "Draw!" "Top Gun, Too" **Mark Davis** (1535) also drew a fast gunslinger, "Annie" **Ursula Foster** (1716), to secure first in the U1600 section.

The Modesto Club welcomes its newest members: **Julie Vizcaino, Sarah Neal, Richard Neal, Billy Eden, Robert McDaniel, David McDaniel,** and "Bad, Too" **Matthew Smith**. Chief Sheriff was **Joseph C. de Leon** with Club President **Robert Raingruber** assisting. The event produced these winners:

Open
1st: **Robert Raingruber** (2076) 4-1
2nd-5th: **Jose Juan de Leon** (2018)
Joseph C. de Leon (1982)
Donald Tiffin (1907)
Brad C. Smith (1611) 3.5-1.5

U1600
1st-4th: **Mark E. Davis** (1535) 2.5-2.5
Michael Pittman (1467)
Charles J. Breen (1343)
Mark J. Breen (1211)

The "Best Game" plaque goes to **Jose Juan de Leon.**

White: Jose I. Guerrero (1847)
Black: Jose Juan de Leon (2018)
French Defense [C00]

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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Bd3 de4 4. Be4 Nf6 5. Bg5 Be7 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. c3 e5! 8. Ne2 0-0 9. Bf6 Bf6 10. d5 Ne7 11. Qc2 g6 12. h4 Qd5 13. Nd2 Rd8 14. Be4 Bf5 15. Ng3 Be4 16. Nge4 Bg7 17. g4 f5 18. gf5 gf5 19. Ng3 Bh6 20. Nb3 Qg2 21. Ke2 e4 22. Nd4 Rd4! 23. cd4 Qf3 24. Ke1 Nd5 25. Rg1 Kf7 26. Qe2 Qf4 27. Qh5 Ke6 28. Nf5?? Qd2 29. Kf1 Qd3 30. Kg2 Nf4 0-1

NEWPARK MALL

The Game Keeper Store at the Newpark Mall in Newark hosted a scholastic blitz tournament the evening of Friday, October 23rd. Organizer and director **Dr. Alan M. Kirshner** originally expected around forty elementary kids, but 85 showed up. Heavily represented were Weibel, Mission San Jose (both, Fremont), and Ruus (Hayward) schools. Kirshner's past experience organizing soccer and weightlifting competitions proved invaluable in coping with the overflow crowd. He was assisted in his efforts by **Pat Jackson,** Ruus Coach **Tony Lambert** and chess dads **Steve Simler** and **Joe Lonsdale.**

Fifty unrated players competed in the first section. **Moises Bermudez** and **Erin Miranda,** both from Ruus Elementary, and **Kevin Liang,** and **David Jeng** of Weibel, all finished with a perfect 4-0. There were only three prizes so a play-off was necessary to determine the order of finish. Bermudez won the top prize, a weighted wood chess set donated by the Game Keeper. Liang came in second and Miranda third.

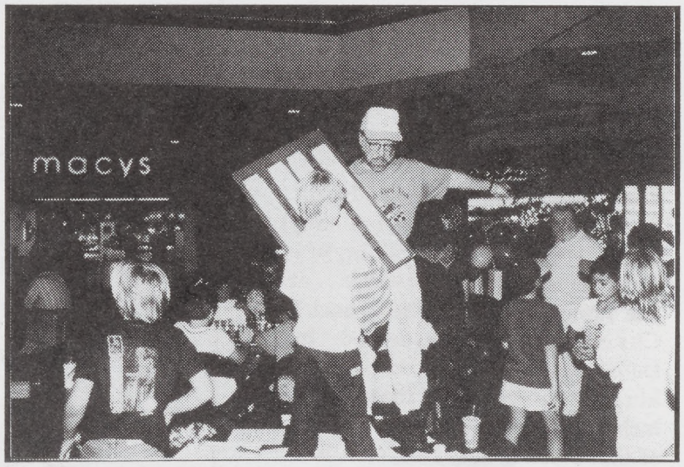
Joe Lonsdale and **Steve Simler** ran the second section, for rated players under 1050. **Thomas Doung** (1033) of Weibel won first-place honors in playoffs over Mission San Jose's **Philip Ou** (1000): each of them scored 4-0. Weibel's **Henry Cheung** (982) won the third-place prize with 3-1, nudging out Weibel's first-grader **Kevin Bui** (892).

Pat Jackson directed the third group of players, all rated over 1050. **Joey Lonsdale** (1386) and **Kevin Simler** (1485) tied for first place, with Lonsdale getting the first-place prize on tiebreaks. **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1440) survived a playoff to take third place.

Liz Ibarra, manager of the Game Keeper in Newpark Mall, has invited Kirshner back next year (after he recovers!) for another scholastic event.

U. C. BERKELEY QUADS

Alan Tse directed the November quads. Winner of the first quad was **Alan Stein** (2188), with a perfect 3-0. Two draws and a win were enough for **John Black** (1680) to clinch first place in Quad II. In the third quad, **Dave Stone** (1647) and **Shahyar Khorsandi** (1628) tied for first with 2-1 each. **Scott Gillett** (1436)



Wall-to-wall at the mall—Kirshner and kids at Newpark

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two young American competitors in the WYC traveled on a train in Germany without supervision and later accepted a ride from a stranger to the playing site. I must point out that the youngsters in question had a private chaperone, hired by their father, for the duration of the event and at no time was their personal security the responsibility of Mr. Silman or myself.

Ms. Mont-Reynaud also made reference to an American girl who lost an adjournment two pawns up and didn't have the benefit of analyzing the position with the two American coaches. The facts are that, of the four girls who represented us in Duisberg, none had games that turned out this way. The only game that even comes close to the game described in the article is Frenklakh-Blanco, played in round nine of the Girls-Under-12 section. At adjournment, after being as much as three pawns down, Jennie Frenklakh had battled back to a theoretically drawn, but difficult, ending of King, Rook, and a + b pawns versus her opponent's King, Rook, a-, b-, and d-pawns. Both IM Silman and I analyzed this with her during the adjournment period but when play resumed she eventually lost it by inadvertently allowing her opponent's King to penetrate.

This was a real pity since in general she played very well in her first international event and the lost half-point would have placed her ninth in the field of 44 players. I'm convinced that with more experience and some new openings, (her staple 1.e4 e5 2.c4 followed by a quick f4 didn't work too well) she will do even better.

Sincerely,

John Donaldson
Seattle, WA

Randi Mont-Reynaud responds:

I was pleased to read (finally) the many details about the training of junior chess players, and the specifics of at least one junior's game in the World Youth Championships, described in IM Donaldson's letter. It is precisely this kind of information that was sorely lacking in Jeremy Silman's travelogue of that event (Chess Life, Oct '92).

In my *CCJ* article (10/92), I had hoped to underscore the extremely negative nature of Silman's remarks and the relative absence of review of games by U.S. juniors. In the main, Silman's comments about our Juniors were too critical; he provides little encouragement that is not sarcastic in tone and he seems to have only a token appreciation of our children's play during that event. At last, if not least, from Coach Donaldson we read an honest, informed appraisal of one player's game and potential. More of the same about more of our players would have been appropriate in the Chess Life article, to which I understand Donaldson did not contribute.

In my *CCJ* article, I assiduously avoided identifying players by name and I mixed up ages and genders to preserve confidentiality. Hence, the game described only "comes close" to the one I initially cited. Above and beyond this, it is the *player's perception* of the game that I reported. As recalled by one youth, there was little assistance during an adjournment; *as perceived by the player*, there was a game where he/she stood better and two pawns up. But, of course, the child's perception could well be less accurate than the coach's.

...In any case, as the title of my article ("Getting Breakfast for Champions") should have made clear, watching fifteen former Soviet States slam-dunk in Duisburg wasn't what I had envisioned for myself as a European *vacation*.

Sincerely,

Randy Mont-Reynaud
Palo Alto, CA

Dear Editor:

I don't often write comments to the Editor, but two editions of the same by Don Lieberman and Tom Stevens in the last issue elicit from me the following:

"Shut up, Don", and "Bravo, Tom".

Sincerely,

Erik Osbun
El Centro, CA

Answers to problems from page 23

A. 1. Rh8 Kh8 2. Nf7 K(any) 3. Nd6 +-.
B. 1. Re8! Ke8 2. Qe2 Kf8 3. Be7 Ke8 (If 3...Ne7 4. Qe7 Kg8 5. Ng5 +-) 4. Bd8! Kd8 5. Ng5! with the threat of 6. Nf7 mate.
C. 1... Qf2!! 2. Bd2 Qg1! 3. Rg1 Nf2 mate.
D. 1. Qe5! de5 2. ef7 wins (If 2...Kd7 3. Bf5 Kc6 4. Be4 Nd5 5. Bd5 Kd7 6. Ba8 Ke7 7. Bg5 Kf8 8. Bh6 Ke7 9. f8Q will win).

Book Review

by NM Jim Eade

Tournament directors hate disputes. They often boil down to one player's word against another and it isn't always possible to mete out justice.

Since the greatest single cause of disputes is the dreaded time scramble and speed chess can be thought of as a barely controlled, sustained time scramble, it naturally follows that speed chess is prone to a disproportionate amount of disputes.

That hardy breed of TD's, willing to run blitz tournaments, are blessed with thick skins already, but what about the rest of us? Some of us aren't comfortable making chessic life or death rulings, while combatants' tempers flare. We need help.

So, if you are like me, you will be thrilled with the just published:

The Rules of Speed Chess
by Kristan Lawson

(The list price is $5.95 and it can be ordered from Jolly Roger Press, P.O. Box 295, Berkeley, Ca. 94704.)

The book strives for completeness by including the FIDE and WRC laws of chess in its appendices, but its real value lies in the Lawson' unique synthesis of regulation and experience.

Lawson brings his studied, thoughtful and inclusive mind to bear on the problem of speed chess as it is actually played, both locally and elsewhere, and produces an invaluable guide for both the player and the tournament director.

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This book is a best buy, representing excellent value for your recessionary dollars and comes: Highly Recommended.

Around the State –

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won Quad IV with 2-1. In the fifth quad there was a three-way tie between **Lee Ming Zen** (1077), **Nick Egide** (1061), and **Stephen Seel** (1022), each with 2-1. The last section was a mini-Swiss between six players. **Radbert Chin** (Unr.) won with a perfect 3-0, and second were **Neil Putman** (1011) and **Eric Egide** (877), each scoring 2-1.

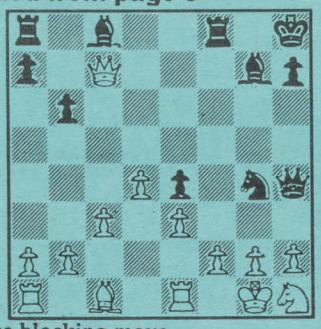
VISALIA CLUB

The "Roland Bowen Memorial" was won in October by **Karl Bohlmann** (1621) and seven-year-old **Jacob Bakhoum** (779), each scoring three points. This tournament is held in honor of the memory of Bowen who was active in USCF chess for nearly twenty years before his tragic death. **Allan Fifield** directed the tournament.

The monthly quick chess tournament directed by Karl Bohlmann has rapidly become a tradition at the club. **Josph Bahkoum** (2063), **Lewis Martinez** (1537), and **Gabriel Cornn** (1279) were the winners of their respective quads. All three won with perfect 3-0s! Seven-year old **Jacob Bahkoum** (779) continued his winning ways in his quad losing only to Cornn.

Capps

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19...Be5!

A nice blocking move.

20. de5 Qh2 21. Kf1 Qh1 22. Ke2 Rf2 23. Kd1 Ne3!

The final nail in the splintered coffin.

24. Be3 Bg4 25. Kc1 Qe1 mate 0-1

White: NM Henry Robles (2287)
Black: SM Richard Lobo (2412)
Closed Sicilian [B23]

Another nice win for Robles, whose rating has soared recently.

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. f4 d6 6. Nf3 Be7 7. 0-0 0-0 8. d3 Rb8 9. h3 b5 10. g4 b4 11. Ne2 Bb7 12. g5 Nd7 13. Ng3 Re8 14. h4 Bf8 15. Nh2 Qb6 16. Be3 d5 17. Ng4 de4 18. de4 Rbd8 19. Qf3 Nd4 20. Qf2 Qc7 21. h5 a5 22. h6 g6 23. Rad1 Be7 24. c3 bc3 25. bc3 Nc6 26. f5 Rf8 27. Bf4 e5 28. Be3 Ncb8 29. Rd2 c4 30. Rfd1 Rc8 31. Bf1 Kh8 32. Kh2 Ba3 33. Bc4 Qc4 34. Rd7 Nd7 35. Rd7 Ba8 36. fg6 hg6 37. Qf6 1-0

White: GM Walter Browne (2632)
Black: NM Henry Robles (2287)
Dutch Defense [A81]

Henry finally gets his comeuppance.

1. d4 f5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 e6 4. c4 d5 5. Nf3 Be7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. b3 Nc6 8. Ba3 Bd7 9. Be7 Qe7 10. Nc3 Be8 11. cd5 ed5 12. Rc1 Rd8 13. Na4 Ne4 14. Nc5 Nc5 15. Rc5 f4 16. Qd2 fg3 17. hg3 Nb8 18. Qg5 Qd6 19. Ne5 c6 20. f4 Qf6 21. Qg4 Bd7 22. Qh5 Na6 23. Rc3 Nc7 24. g4 g6 25. Qh2 Bg4 26. Ng4 Qd4 27. Re3 h5 28. Rf2 hg4 29. Re7 Rf7 30. Rf7 Kf7 31. f5 Rd7 32. Qh7 Ke8 33. Qg8 Ke7 34. f6 Kd6 35. f7 Ne6 36. f8(Q) Nf8 37. Qf8 Kc7 38. Qf4 Qf4 39. Rf4 a5 40. Rg4 Rd6 41. Kf2 b5 42. Ke3 c5 43. Rg5 d4 44. Kd3 Kb6 45. a4 Re6 46. Be4 c4 47. Kd4 cb3 48. Rb5 1-0

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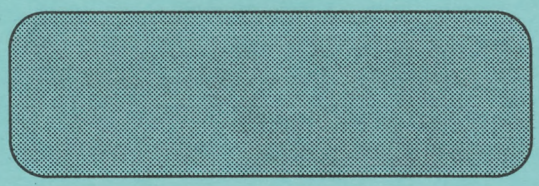
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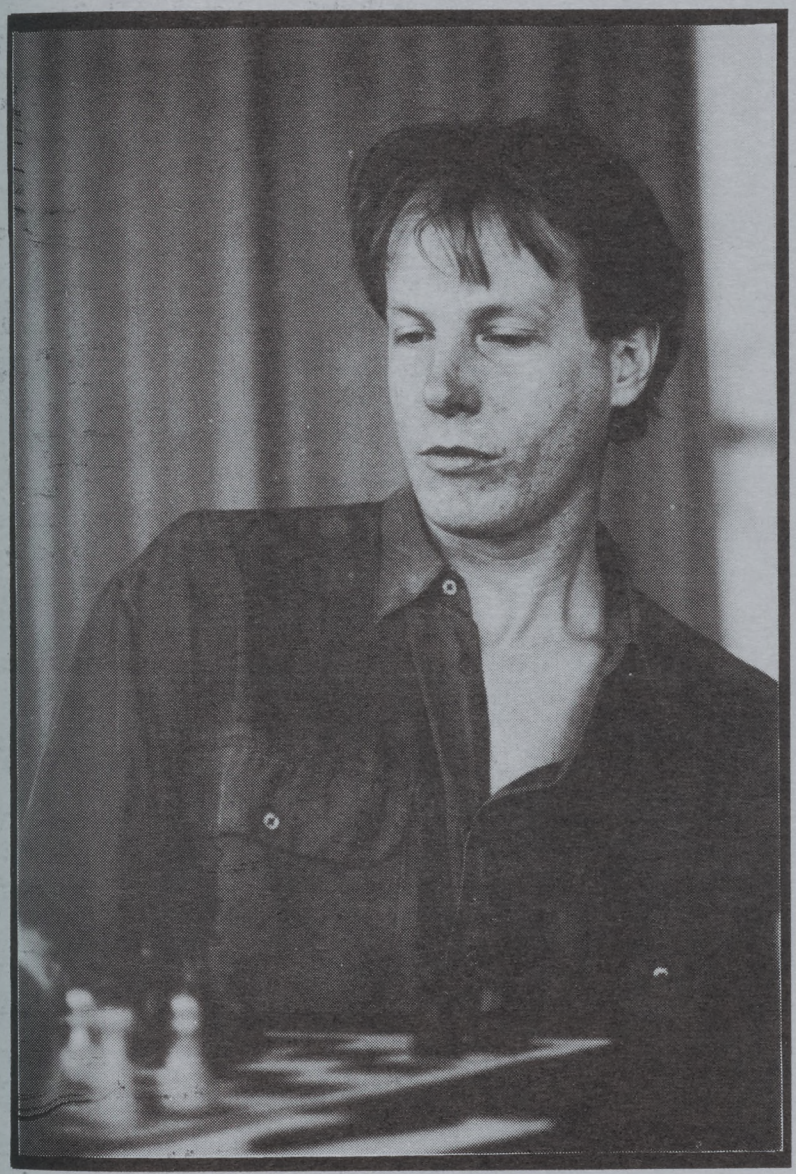
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Editor's Message

There is a smorgasbord of chess events available in Northern California this spring and summer, something for everyone regardless of taste or skill level. On the weekend of March 13-14, we have the second annual renewal of our Friendship Match with the chessplayers of Southern California (see the "Tournament Life" section of Chess Life for details). Our players and their players will meet in Visalia for the showdown. They won last year, but this year we will be stronger, and they better watch out!

At the end of the month, March 27-28, adults can enjoy one of the quadrennial LERA events in Sunnyvale, while most of the talented kids in the state will be in San Rafael for Ray Orwig's "Norcal Scholastic Championships." Last year Ray's tournament drew more bodies than any other tournament in our state, about 250, and this year may draw 300. It is a great sight to see hundreds of talented youngsters focusing intense concentration on the sixty-four squares. The current junior class is the most talented we have ever had in Northern California—thanks to Ray Orwig and the other hard-working scholastic organizers in our state—and by the end of the decade their names will be at the top of all the crosstables.

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Letter to Editor

Dear Editor:

Last year's CCJ coverage of the "People's" event in Berkeley included the glowing comment by Peter Yu, "The quality and smoothness of the tournament continue to set the standards...". Apparently these "standards" place a very low priority this year on having the prizes distributed in a timely manner. As I write this, it has been over two weeks since I tied for first and I have yet to see the check!

On another far less important topic, I must say I was amused by the coverage of the "22nd Annual Capps" tournament. After struggling through an eighty-five move last round marathon King's Gambit against Senior Master Richard Lobo to decide first, I read an entire intro devoted to how there were not as many playes this year. And this by one who was not even a participant. Oh, by the way, a little tip on the Benko Gambit, ECO is hopelessly out of date.

Sincerely,

Renard W. Anderson
Aptos, CA

We agree that the UC practice of routing all tournament monies through the accounting department places a bureaucratic on chess players. And we promise that from now on your outstanding accomplishments in local tournaments will get the consideration they deserve. P.S. Do you know anyone who can update ECO's analysis on the Benko?

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1993 Kicks Off With the CalChess Winter Festival

by IM John Grefe and Carolyn Withgitt

The CalChess Winter Festival, held from January 15-18, 1993, started on Friday night with three concurrent events, the "Beat-the-Master" simultaneous exhibition by **NM Mike Splane**, an all-Master Invitational Blitz tournament, and the first round of the Games of Berkeley 1993 State Championship.

"Beat-the-Master" Simul

The first round of the Games of Berkeley 1993 State Championship saw Northern California's top eight masters compete for a prize fund over $3000, sponsored by Games of Berkeley, Northern California's leading purveyor of quality chess books and equipment.

Mikulas Manik (2397), the Czech Junior Champion exchange student living in Bakersfield, came back to Northern California to wreak more havoc on the local masters. Scoring an impressive 19.5-4.5, Manik easily swept the event, giving up only two games, one to second-place finisher **Heuristic Software's program X** (18-5) and one to fourth-place finisher (16-7) **Greg Kotlyar** (2516), and a draw to third-place finisher **Dov Gorman** (2394), (16.5-6.5).

Saturday morning the CalChess Season Opener and the Region XI Women's Championship (see write-up below) began. 158 players competed in six sections in the Opener. Organizer **Tom Dorsch**, **Alan Tse**, **Julie Regan** and **Carolyn Withgitt** directed the tournament. Many volunteers assisted at registration and set up, including Livermore Club members **Charles Pigg** and **Don Wolitzer**, U.C. Berkeley Club's **Don Shennum** and **Laura Greenlee**. The winners of the Opener are listed below:

Master:

1st: IM John Grefe (2418) 5.5-0.5
2nd: NM Renard Anderson (2367) 5-1
3rd-4th: SM Richard Lobo (2436) 4.5-1.5
NM Mikulas Manik (2387)

Expert:

1st Alan Stein (2184) 5.5-0.5
2nd: Anthony Valdez (2034) 5-1
3rd-4th: Rahim Gran (2127) 4.5-1.5
Vladimir Timoshenko (2043)

"A"

1st-5th: James Seals (1976) 4.5-1.5
Steven Lender (1952)
Mario Samatra (1927)
Ram Tahilramani (1904)
Bill Shauck (1871)

"B"

1st: J.C. Kuba (1765) 5.5-0.5
2nd: Richard Yang (1733) 5-1
3rd-6th: Riley Hughes (1786) 4.5-1.5
Richard Newey (1664)
Jean M. Henry (1600)
Willy Pan (1536)

"C"

1st: Gordon Watts (1597) 5.5-0.5
2nd: Eric Baudry (1593) 5-1
3rd-6th: Gundars Augusts (1531) 4-2
Fred Rich (1473)
Glenn Avila (1470)
Abdul Yusufi (1178)

"D/E/Unr."

1st-2nd: Mark Lazzaro (1268) 5-1
John Padula (Unr.)
3rd-4th: David Hendricks (Unr.) 4.5-1.5
Jeff Hodge (Unr.)

Torrential rainstorms, flooding, and the 49er championship game could not stop the determined group of women chessplayers who competed in the 3rd Region XI Women's Championship. This year's event drew eighteen players, one more than the number in 1991 when Northern California first hosted the tournament.

Southern California was well represented. On Friday night, the eve of the tournament, in walked Alina Markowski with traveling companions Barbara McCaleb and Lisa Edmondson. Early that morning Alina had driven up from San Diego, picking up Lisa in Los Angeles and Barbara in San Luis Obispo. Many hours later they arrived in Burlingame. Now that's dedication! Alina, in addition to being a Region XI Vice-President and organizer of the U.S. Senior Open, is the spearhead of women's chess in Southern California. She is organizer of the women's league, which runs events several times during the year and she regularly writes a column for Rank and File, Southern California's state magazine.



NM Julia Tverskaya
Region XI Women's Champion

From the opposite direction, Heidi Monson was our only "out-of-stater", flying in from Oregon. She had not played for several years, but was keen on participating in the Regional.

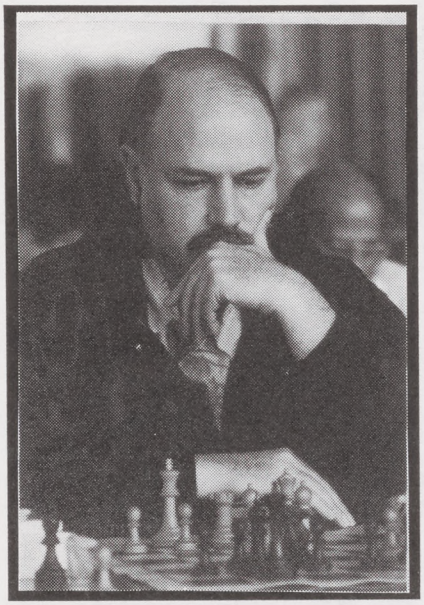
Of course the favorite was two-time winner **NM Julia Tverskaya** (2388). Last year she mowed down everyone, including her strongest competitor, NM Alexey Root. This year she beat everyone again, including NM Liz Neely. Julia has a 14-0 score for her three years of competing in the championship!

Carolyn Withgitt (1875) came in second place (for the third year in a row!), nudging out Liz Neely, who had to work on Monday—Liz had to take two half-point byes for Monday. **Jennie Frenklakh** (1785), **Barbara McCaleb** (1678), and **Lisa Edmondson** (1633) scored 3.5-2.5 each and tied for first Under 1800. **Marjorie Metzger** (Unr.), Oregon Grandmaster Arthur Dake's daughter, scored an impressive 3.5-2.5 for her first tournament.

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Winter Festival

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IM John Grefe winner of CalChess Season Opener

Seven-year-old **Marijo Mont-Reynaud** (933) won top Under 1200, scoring 3-3.

A bonus prize, donated by Santa Barbaran Parker Montgomery, for the Best Southern Californian was awarded to **Laura Becker** (1911) of Glendale for her 4-2 score.

"Games of Berkeley," a local emporium in downtown Bekeley that features chess in its large assortment of diversions, generously donated a $3,500 prize fund to sponsor the 1993 Northern California Championship.

Played January 15-17th in Burlingame, the 8-player round robin tournament was the strongest state championship ever held. 2 GMs and 3 IMs participating; the event sported a hefty average USCF rating of 2530.

Laughing all the way to the bank, former U.S. Champion **Nick de Firmian** (2619), now a foreign currency trader for the Bank of America in San Francisco, handily took the first place prize of $1,000 with an undefeated 5-2. His co-worker, **IM Vince McCambridge** (2535), tied for second with **SM Ronald Cusi** (2466), formerly of the Phillippines. They each scored 4.5-2.5 and received $500 for their efforts. Six-time U.S. Champion **GM Walter Browne** (2634), the pre-tournament favorite, was plagued by poor health and was forced to withdraw after three rounds, having garnered just half a point from some very favorable positions.

De Firmian retired from full-time professional chess just a few years ago but plans to re-enter the tournament arena soon. Despite a bit of ??? his performance was smooth and steady. McCambridge rarely plays these days, so his fine result came as something of a surprise. Maybe he's been tackling one of these strong new chess-playing programs on his lunch break.

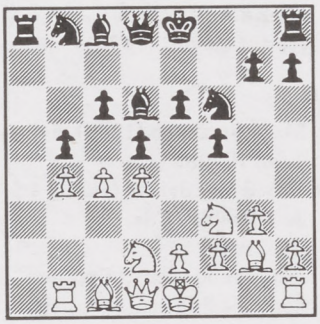
Rounding out the field were **IM Guillermo Rey** (2420) and **SM Vladimir Strugatsky** (2525) with 4-3; **IM Marc Leski** (2534) with 3.5-3.5, and **SM Burt Izumikawa** (2482) with 2.5-4.5.

White: GM Walter Browne (2634)
Black: IM Vincent McCambridge (2535)
Dutch-Indian [A40]
Annotated by IM John Grefe

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1. d4 e6 2. c4 Bb4 3. Nd2 f5 4. g3 Nf6 5. Bg2 d5 6. Ngf3 c6 7. a3 Bd6 8. b4 a5 9. Rb1 ab4 10. ab4 b5!

McCambridge astutely pre-empts c5 followed by b5, which would have given Browne a queenside initiative. Black had to foresee that his queenside men wouldn't be left tied in knots.



11. c5 Bc7 12. Ne5 Bb7

Have you ever seen a bigger pawn? A superficial assessment of the position would lead in the conclusion that White stands much better. But what's his plan for the middlegame?

13. Bb2 Nbd7 41. Nd3 0-0 15. 0-0 Ng4

Black contemplates ...e5 while hoping to provoke a weakening of White's kingside, where he plans an attack.

16. Nf3 Qe7 17. Nfe5 Nde5 18. de5 g5 19. Qd2 Qg7 20. Bd4

Now Black should play 20...h5 with an unclear position, after his overly optimistic "attacking move he's probably lost.

20...f4? 21. Bh3! h5 22. f3 Ne5

Black decides to complicate rather than face the simple loss of a pawn after 22...Ne3 23. Bc5 Kh7 24. Be3 fe3 25. Qe3 Rac8 etc.

23. Qc3

Browne wants more than 23. Be6 Kh7 24. Qc3 Rae1 25. Ne5 Ra6 28. Qd3 Kg8 (not 26...Kb2? 27. Ng4; 27. Nc6 Qf7 28. Na5).

23...g4 24. Bg2 Ra3

Black realizes that he's probably completely lost and so begins the creative cheapos, cranking the complications up to the max.

25. Qa3 Nf3 26. ef3 Qd4 27. Kh1 h4 28. gh4 e5 29. Nf2 gf3 30. Bf3 e4 31. Rbd1 Qf6 32. Rg1 Kh8 33. Ng4 Qg7 34. Be2 f3 35. Bf1 Bc8

Although the pieces had been flying on and off the board at warp speed, Browne could have put McCambridge away here with 36. Qa1!, since 36...Qa1 37. Ra1 d4 runs out of steam, but...

36. h3 Kh7 37. Qc1

37. Qe3!

37...Rf4 38. Qe3 Bg4 39. hg4 Rg4 40. Bh3 Qe5!! 41. Rd2 Rh4 0-1

An incredible swindle and a great fighting game...Chess is chess!

White: IM John Grefe (2418)
Black: Mark Stephens (2056)
English Opening [A28]
Annotated by IM John Grefe

This game was played in round three, at a time limit of game 60. The tournament was a 6-round open over three days, but I had decided to enter the 2-day merge-in event about seven o'clock Sunday morning. So after a quick dash to catch the bus I managed to somehow polish off my first two opponents, and expected to be paired next with the whiz kid from Czechoslovakia. I thought my round started at 2 o'clock, and so was wandering around the main room watching some games when my "opponent" strolled by.

Nothing seemed amiss, and fortunately about 20 minutes later I went into the adjoining room to get ready for my game...where I saw the young man already playing. It turns out the round started at two, and due to a mispairing I had already lost 20 minutes at game sixty. So my real opponent and I blitzed out the following moves.

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. e3 d5 5. cd5 Nd5 6. d3

Now it's officially a Sicilian Reversed. Will it be a Richter-Rauzer, Sozin or Scheveningen? And can White somehow benefit from the extra move?

6...Be6 7. Be2 Be7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. a3 a5 10. Qc2 f5

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Master Section

LR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
1	GREFE, JOHN A	NY	2418*M0	2444*s5	W--20	W--19	W--23	W---5	W---3	D---4	5.5
2	ANDERSON, RENARD	CA	2367*s4	2374*s4	W--22	L---5	W--15	W--17	B----	W---6	5.0
3	LOBO, RICHARD	CA	2436*S4	2446*S4	W--24	W--14	W---9	D---4	L---1	W---7	4.5
4	MANIK, MIKULAS	CA	2387*M7	2405*M9	W--23	W--20	W--19	D---3	D---6	D---1	4.5
5	SHAKHNAZAROV, OLE	CA	2267*m7	2303*m9	W--16	W---2	W--13	L---1	L---7	W---9	4.0
6	BUSQUETS, LUIS	CA	2203*m2	2235*m4	D--11	W--15	W--16	W---8	D---4	L---2	4.0
7	PEREZ, EMMANUEL R	CA	2401*s0	2379*s0	L--10	D--11	W--18	W--16	W---5	L---3	3.5
8	MC CORMICK, JAMES	CA	2316*m4	2312*m4	L---9	W--22	W--10	L---6	D--13	W--15	3.5
9	FRENKEL, FILIPP	CA	2239*m7	2260*m7	W---8	W--17	L---3	W--13	H----	L---5	3.5
10	KOOPAL, AHMAD	CA	2200*m0	2224*m0	W---7	L--13	L---8	W--23	H----	W--16	3.5
11	RICH, ALBERT J	CA	2105*x7	2146*X4	D---6	D---7	D--21	D--19	W--20	D--12	3.5
12	GALLEGOS, PAUL A	CA	2200*m5	2200*m5	L--19	L--23	H----	W--18	W--14	D--11	3.0
13	KANZAVELI, VITALY	CA	2400*M2	2373*M2	W--18	W--10	L---5	L---9	D---8	U----	2.5
14	ORTON, WILLIAM R	CA	2229*m0	2202*m0	B----	L---3	L--17	D--15	L--12	W--22	2.5
15	GAGNON, MARK	CA	2146*X8	2141*X8	B----	L---6	L---2	D--14	W--21	L---8	2.5
16	HEINOLA, KARI P	CA	2171/10	2151/16	L---5	W--24	L---6	L---7	W--22	L--10	2.0
17	LAMBERT, GARY G	CA	2075*x5	2104*x7	W--21	L---9	W--14	L---2	U----	U----	2.0
18	RUNNING, JEFF	WI	2066*x5	2056*x5	L--13	D--21	L---7	L--12	D--23	B----	2.0
19	MARGULIS, ISAAK	CA	2334*M7	2315*M7	W--12	L---1	L---4	D--11	U----	U----	1.5
20	LEVY, DAVID A	CA	2282*X2	2245*X2	L---1	L---4	B----	D--22	L--11	U----	1.5
21	PINTO, MARK A	CA	2209*m7	2171*m7	L--17	D--18	D--11	H----	L--15	U----	1.5
22	KAUGARS, AGNIS	CA	2189*x9	2168*x9	L---2	L---8	W--24	D--20	L--16	L--14	1.5
23	STEPHENS, MARK	CA	2121*x6	2116*x6	L---4	W--12	L---1	L--10	D--18	U----	1.5
24	VICKERS, KEITH	CA	2243*m2	2208*m2	L---3	L--16	L--22	U----	U----	U----	0.0

Games of Berkeley
1993 State Championship

PLR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	DE FIRMIAN, NICK	CA	2627*S7	2624*S7	*	D	W	W	D	D	D	4.0
2	MC CAMBRIDGE, VIN	CA	2516*s0	2520*s0	D	*	D	L	D	W	W	3.5
3	CUSI, RONALD L	CA	2450*M2	2464*M4	L	D	*	W	D	D	W	3.5
4	STRUGATSKY, VLADI	CA	2498*s4	2497*s4	L	W	L	*	D	D	W	3.0
5	REY, GUILLERMO	CA	2443*M0	2450*M2	D	D	D	D	*	D	D	3.0
6	LESKI, MARC	CA	2534*s4	2520*s4	D	L	D	D	D	*	D	2.5
7	IZUMIKAWA, BURT T	CA	2393*S4	2379*S4	D	L	L	L	D	D	*	1.5

"In chess, there is only one mistake: over-estimation of your opponent. All else is either bad luck or weakness."

-Tartakower

Expert Section

LR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
1	STEIN, ALAN R	CA	2184*m2	2209*m2	B----	W--24	W--13	W---2	W---8	D---4	5.5
2	VALDEZ, ANTHONY	CA	2034*x9	2107*X4	W---3	W---9	W--10	L---1	W--11	W---8	5.0
3	GRAN, RAHIM	CA	2127*X4	2144*X4	L---2	W--25	W--19	D---9	W--13	W--10	4.5
4	TIMOSHENKO, VLADI	CA	2043*A4	2082*A9	L--17	W--27	W--18	W--16	W---5	D---1	4.5
5	ROMO, JOHN PAUL	CA	2188*X4	2183*X4	W--14	W--18	L---6	W--11	L---4	W---9	4.0
6	DEL ROSARIO, FRIS	CA	2091*x9	2111*x9	W--21	W--16	W---5	L---8	H----	H----	4.0
7	BAUDRY, PASCAL R	CA	2160*X2	2144*X2	W--26	D--13	L---8	L--10	W--23	W--16	3.5
8	BAROUDI, ZIADA AB	CA	2100*x7	2107*x7	D--15	W--23	W---7	W---6	L---1	L---2	3.5
9	KEATINGE-CLA, ADR	CA	2010*A9	2046*x2	W--25	L---2	W--22	D---3	W--12	L---5	3.5
10	CALILONG, MELANIO	CA	2000*x0	2025*x0	H----	W--19	L---2	W---7	W--15	L---3	3.5
11	JESTADT, JESSE	CA	2049*x7	2041*x7	W--27	W--17	H----	L---5	L---2	H----	3.0
12	SHENNUM, DONALD R	CA	2046*A0	2023*A0	L--18	W--15	D--17	W--20	L---9	D--13	3.0
13	LANNI, DIANA	CA	2024*A0	2037*A2	W--20	D---7	L---1	W--14	L---3	D--12	3.0
14	SHERMAN, DAN K	CA	2021*x0	2014*x0	L---5	D--20	W--23	L--13	W--19	D--18	3.0
15	REGAN, NEIL O	CA	2000*x0	2003*x0	D---8	L--12	H----	W--24	L--10	W--20	3.0
16	LIEBERMAN, DONALD	CA	1942*A0	1947*A0	B----	L---6	W--24	L---4	W--21	L---7	3.0
17	PANUGALING, RONIL	CA	1816*B0	1850*B2	W---4	L--11	D--12	D--22	H----	H----	3.0
18	ROBINSON, STEPHEN	CA	1962*a9	1948*a9	W--12	L---5	L---4	L--23	B----	D--14	2.5
19	MONT-REYNAUD, JOR	CA	1911*A4	1918*A4	W--22	L--10	L---3	H----	L--14	W--23	2.5
20	DALAL, ROOSHIN B	CA	1905*a9	1897*a9	L--13	D--14	B----	L--12	W--22	L--15	2.5
21	MAVRAEDIS, CHRIS	CA	1922*a8	1917*a8	L---6	W--26	H----	H----	L--16	U----	2.0
22	FORD, CLIFTON P	CA	1995*x4	1933*x4	L--19	B----	L---9	D--17	L--20	U----	1.5
23	CURTO, BARRY WAYN	CA	1963*A0	1931*A0	D--24	L---8	L--14	W--18	L---7	L--19	1.5
24	FINACOM, RICHARD	CA	2030*A0	1981*A0	D--23	L---1	L--16	L--15	U----	U----	0.5
25	POHL, IRA	CA	2168*x5	2138*x5	L---9	L---3	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0
26	CALILONG, MELANIO	CA	2011*x0	2000*x0	L---7	L--21	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0
27	MC CANN, WILLIAM	CA	1966*a7	1941*a7	L--11	L---4	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0

"A" Section

	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
1	SEALS, JAMES C	CA	2026*x9	2046*x9	W---2	D---9	W--23	W---4	L---3	W--12	4.5
2	LENDER, STEVEN	CA	1952*x2	1984*x2	L---1	W--22	D---8	W--10	W--17	W---9	4.5
3	SAMATRA, MARIO L	CA	1927*A9	1964*x2	W--13	L---4	W---9	W--17	W---1	D---5	4.5
4	TAHILRAMANI, RAM	CA	1904*a0	1946*a5	W--18	W---3	D--14	L---1	W---8	W--13	4.5
5	SHAUCK, BILL R N	CA	1871*B0	1921*a5	W--23	W---7	D--17	D--14	W--12	D---3	4.5
6	JEW, BRIAN	CA	1961*a6	1961*a6	L--24	L--11	W--15	W--20	D---7	W--16	3.5
7	DALUSUNG, VERGEL	CA	1956*a0	1948*a0	W--22	L---5	L--12	W--16	D---6	W--15	3.5
8	ARNDT, LUDWIG J	CA	1939*A2	1934*A2	W--20	L--14	D---2	W--15	L---4	W--17	3.5
9	WOLITZER, DONALD	CA	1896*a0	1906*a0	W--21	D---1	L---3	W--18	W--14	L---2	3.5
10	TATE, WILLIAM	CA	1958*A4	1925*A4	W--19	L--17	D--16	L---2	D--21	W--20	3.0
11	MC CANN, WILLIAM	CA	1941*a7	1927*a7	L--15	W---6	W--24	L--12	L--13	W--22	3.0
12	MANGROBANG, MANUE	CA	1871*A2	1878*A2	L--14	W--20	W---7	W--11	L---5	L---1	3.0
13	STEWART, JAMES W	CA	1865*a5	1874*a5	L---3	D--21	H----	W--23	W--11	L---4	3.0
14	CHAMBERS, GILBERT	CA	1800*a6	1836*a8	W--12	W---8	D---4	D---5	L---9	U----	3.0
15	ROMANSKI, JAN	CA	0	1916/06	W--11	W--24	L---6	L---8	W--22	L---7	3.0
16	LAFFIN, MICHAEL J	CA	1804*B0	1802*B0	W--25	L--23	D--10	L---7	B----	L---6	2.5
17	FAULKNER, CHARLES	CA	1755*B9	1759*B9	B----	W--10	D---5	L---3	L---2	L---8	2.5
18	WILSON, S SCOTT	CA	1715*B4	1718*B4	L---4	B----	H----	L---9	U----	W--21	2.5
19	JONES, RACE C	CA	1815*B7	1792*B7	L--10	D--25	L--20	B----	H----	U----	2.0
20	TEEHAN, GREGG	CA	1815*a2	1806*a2	L---8	L--12	W--19	L---6	W--25	L--10	2.0
21	LOVE, WILLIAM R	CA	1809*B2	1788*B2	L---9	D--13	H----	D--25	D--10	L--18	2.0
22	SUMERA, ROSENDO L	CA	1765*B0	1774*B0	L---7	L---2	W--25	W--24	L--15	L--11	2.0
23	HOWLETT, PATRICK	CA	1974*x9	1928*x9	L---5	W--16	L---1	L--13	U----	U----	1.0
24	SALAZAR, RICARDO	CA	1933*A0	1900*A0	W---6	L--15	L--11	L--22	U----	U----	1.0
25	REMUS, HORST	CA	1886*a2	1820*a2	L--16	D--19	L--22	D--21	L--20	U----	1.0

"B" Section

	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
1	KUBA, J C	CA	1836*B7	1888*a7	W--30	W--27	W--19	W--13	D---3	W---5	5.5
2	YANG, RICHARD D	CA	1733*B5	1777*B7	B----	W--11	W--23	L---3	W--17	W--12	5.0
3	HUGHES, RILEY J	CA	1786*a5	1811*a5	D--17	W---6	W--32	W---2	D---1	H----	4.5
4	NEWEY, RICHARD H	CA	1664*a5	1716*a5	L---5	W--15	W--27	W--19	W--16	D---6	4.5
5	HENRY, JEAN MANUE	CA	1600/09	1735/15	W---4	W--10	D--17	W--25	W--13	L---1	4.5
6	PAN, WILLY	CA	1536*C4	1625*b5	W--24	L---3	W--29	W--31	W--11	D---4	4.5
7	COTA, ERIC R	CA	1717*b2	1731*b4	L---8	L--25	W--20	W--29	W--30	W--18	4.0
8	RICHWOOD, JAY W	CA	1699*b7	1733*b9	W---7	W---9	L--13	L--17	W--19	W--16	4.0
9	NOLLET, SCOTT R	CA	1656*b7	1707*b9	W--25	L---8	W--26	D--11	D--18	W--14	4.0
10	LAQUER, THOMAS E	CA	1645* 0	1685*C5	B----	L---5	L--25	W--21	W--27	W--13	4.0
11	ARJMAND, ENAYATUL	CA	1802*A5	1786*A5	W--31	L---2	W--21	D---9	L---6	W--23	3.5
12	MEADOWS, JOHN W	CA	1631*b6	1645*b6	L--21	D--22	B----	W--32	W--23	L---2	3.5
13	NEWTON, MAURICE	CA	1849*a4	1816*a4	W--29	W--16	W---8	L---1	L---5	L--10	3.0
14	POSCHMANN, HANS	CA	1762*B0	1741*B0	L--27	W--24	W--30	L--16	W--31	L---9	3.0
15	MC CULLOUGH, RICH	CA	1734*b8	1717*b8	L--19	L---4	H----	W--22	W--20	D--21	3.0
16	LESQUILLIER, WALT	CA	1731*B4	1730*B4	W--34	L--13	W--28	W--14	L---4	L---8	3.0
17	WATERS, GEORGE	CA	1693*B5	1708*B5	D---3	W--20	D---5	W---8	L---2	U----	3.0
18	HANSEN, ALFRED	CA	1647*b6	1647*b6	W--33	D--32	H----	H----	D---9	L---7	3.0
19	PIGG, CHARLES	CA	1617*b0	1640*b0	W--15	W--28	L---1	L---4	L---8	W--31	3.0
20	FISHER-KIRSH, MIC	CA	1491*B5	1520*B5	B----	L--17	L---7	W--26	L--15	W--27	3.0
21	HURT, COLIN	CA	1754*a7	1725*a7	W--12	L--23	L--11	L--10	W--26	D--15	2.5
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23	GILBERT, MARVIN F	CA	1685*B5	1678*B5	W--22	W--21	L---2	H----	L--12	L--11	2.5
24	MC ENROE, GLENN A	CA	1681*b7	1647*b7	L---6	L--14	H----	B----	B----	U----	2.5
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31	CACCAM, ARSENIO A	CA	1652*B7	1612*B7	L--11	B----	W--22	L---6	L--14	L--19	2.0
32	DALAL, PARIN	CA	1579*C6	1582*C6	W--26	D--18	L---3	L--12	U----	U----	1.5
33	FLORES, DAN	CA	1640* 0	1617* 0	L--18	L--26	W--34	L--27	U----	U----	1.0
34	FERRANTE, JOSEPH	CA	1675*B5	1627*B5	L--16	L--29	L--33	U----	U----	U----	0.0
35	JACKSON, PATRICK	CA	1641*B5	1627*B5	L--28	U----	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0

Region XI Women's

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1	TVERSKAYA, JULIA	CA	2388*M9	2399*M9	W--14	W---9	W---3	W---2	W---4	W---7	6.0
2	WITHGITT, CAROLYN	CA	1971*A9	1990*A9	W---8	W---6	D---4	L---1	W---5	W---9	4.5
3	NEELY, LIZ	CA	2199*X4	2199*X4	W--10	W---5	L---1	W---9	H----	H----	4.0
4	BECKER, LAURA B	CA	1911*X4	1916*X4	W--11	D---7	D---2	W---6	L---1	W--10	4.0
5	FRENKLAKH, JENNIE	CA	1874*B4	1862*B4	W--15	L---3	W---7	W--14	L---2	D---6	3.5
6	MC CALEB, BARBARA	CA	1678*b0	1689*b0	W--13	L---2	W---8	L---4	W--11	D---5	3.5
7	EDMONDSON, LISA M	CA	1633*b5	1638*b5	W--17	D---4	L---5	W--12	W--13	L---1	3.5
8	METZGER, MARJORIE	CA	1128/04	1273/08	L---2	X----	L---6	H----	W--16	W--13	3.5
9	FOSTER, URSULA	CA	1751*a0	1759*a0	W--16	L---1	W--11	L---3	W--14	L---2	3.0
10	MARKOWSKI, ALINA	CA	1612*B7	1600*B7	L---3	W--15	L--14	X----	W--17	L---4	3.0
11	CURRY, BETTY	CA	1560*c5	1557*c5	L---4	W--16	L---9	B----	L---6	W--14	3.0
12	MONT-REYNAUD, MAR	CA	933*e2	953*e2	B----	L--14	L--13	L---7	W--15	W--17	3.0
13	WRIGHT, ALYSSA	CA	937/04	1066/10	L---6	W--17	W--12	D--16	L---7	L---8	2.5
14	SHAUGHNESSY, ELIZ	CA	1606*b9	1600*b9	L---1	W--12	W--10	L---5	L---9	L--11	2.0
15	MONSON, HEIDI	OR	1017*e2	1009*e2	L---5	L--10	W--18	L--17	L--12	W--16	2.0
16	NEWEY, YOUNG-SOOK	CA	0	1042/06	L---9	L--11	W--17	D--13	L---8	L--15	1.0
17	GREENLEE, LAURA	CA	690/04	838/10	L---7	L--13	L--16	W--15	L--10	L--12	1.0
18	GELLERMAN, R L	CA	1152/10	1104/11	U----	U----	L--15	U----	U----	U----	0.0

"...the games that you remember are those with the most sporting significance. As a rule, the more mistakes there are in a game, the more memorable it remains, because you have suffered and worried over each mistake at the board."

-Korchnoi

"C" Section

PLR#	NAME	ST	PreRate	PstRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
1	WATTS, GORDON R	CA	1597*b5	1659*B7	W--11	W---3	W---6	W--13	D---2	W---4	5.5
2	BAUDRY, ERIC	CA	1597*b5	1641*B5	W--12	W---4	W--13	W---7	D---1	D---3	5.0
3	AUGUSTS, GUNDARS	CA	1531*c4	1549*c6	W--20	L---1	W--10	W--15	D---7	D---2	4.0
4	RICH, FRED W	CA	1473*c0	1516*c5	W--18	L---2	W--16	W---6	W--12	L---1	4.0
5	AVILA, GLENN P	CA	1470*d2	1485*d7	L--13	W--17	L--15	W--11	W--14	W---7	4.0
6	YUSUFI, ABDUL R	CA	1178/06	1343/12	W--10	W--11	L---1	L---4	W--15	W---9	4.0
7	WONG, HENRY Y	CA	1503*c0	1522*c2	W--19	W---9	W--14	L---2	D---3	L---5	3.5
8	GULLMES, AKE	CA	1500*C2	1503*C2	L--16	W--15	H----	L---9	W--17	W--13	3.5
9	KEAGLE, BRYAN W	CA	1410*D7	1421*D7	B----	L---7	D--12	W---8	W--13	L---6	3.5
10	CLARK, JAMES A	CA	1399*D7	1387*D7	L---6	W--20	L---3	D--18	D--16	W--15	3.0
11	BUTLER, JAMES J	CA	1238/07	1310/13	L---1	L---6	W--20	L---5	W--18	W--14	3.0
12	SCHLEUNES, KURT	CA	1455*c5	1465*c5	L---2	W--18	D---9	W--17	L---4	U----	2.5
13	DILLON, MICHAEL	NV	1550/05	1513/11	W---5	W--16	L---2	L---1	L---9	L---8	2.0
14	LAZAR, GARY M	CA	1414*D2	1356*D2	L--15	W--19	L---7	B----	L---5	L--11	2.0
15	BUSQUETS, IDA	CA	1061* 0	1103*e5	W--14	L---8	W---5	L---3	L---6	L--10	2.0
16	LOGUE, STEVE	CA	1574*c7	1540*c7	W---8	L--13	L---4	U----	D--10	U----	1.5
17	ROBERTS, MELVIN	CA	1529*C5	1500*C5	H----	L---5	W--18	L--12	L---8	U----	1.5
18	GLOVER, IAN	CA	1298*d2	1262*d2	L---4	L--12	L--17	D--10	L--11	B----	1.5
19	WEST, LAWRENCE L	CA	1433*D4	1404*D4	L---7	L--14	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0
20	HARRIS, CLARENCE	CA	1246*E2	1218*E2	L---3	L--10	L--11	U----	U----	U----	0.0

"D/E/Unr." Section

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1	LAZZARO, MARK R	CA	1268* 0	1329*d5	W--12	W---7	L---2	W--19	W--11	W---3	5.0
2	PADULA, JOHN F	MN	0	1525/06	W---9	W--17	W---1	L---3	W---5	W---4	5.0
3	HENDRICKS, DAVID	NV	570/05	992/10	B----	W--14	W--13	W---2	D---4	L---1	4.0
4	HODGE, JEFF	CA	0	1390/06	W--18	W---8	W---6	W--11	D---3	L---2	4.0
5	GORDON, CYRIL D	CA	1716/04	1536/09	B----	D---6	W---8	D--17	L---2	W--12	4.0
6	ADDISON, PATRICK	CA	1213*d4	1253*d6	W--21	D---5	L---4	D--12	W--14	W---7	4.0
7	BULLOCK, ROBERT	CA	1352/04	1305/09	W--16	L---1	H----	W--14	W--17	L---6	3.5
8	MOTSCHENBACH, ARL	CA	1230*d7	1248*d7	W--10	L---4	L---5	W--16	D--15	B----	3.5
9	PATRICK, MARK EDW	CA	1224*E2	1241*E4	L---2	W--10	L--16	W--18	W--19	H----	3.5
10	LAYUG, ARTEMIO	CA	1786* 0	1725* 0	L---8	L---9	H----	H----	B----	W--20	3.5
11	BISHOP, PAUL R	CA	1351*d5	1336*d5	W--19	W--13	W--20	L---4	L---1	U----	3.5
12	ONG, DIANA	CA	1293*d2	1271*d2	L---1	D--16	W--21	D---6	W--13	L---5	3.5
13	PRAKASH, NIKHIL	CA	1215*d5	1192*d5	B----	L--11	L---3	W--20	L--12	W--17	3.5
14	TANTRY, SATHVIK B	CA	1197/11	1131/15	B----	L---3	W--15	L---7	L---6	B----	3.0
15	DAUGHERTY, RICHAR	CA	1080/04	1050/10	W--20	L--19	L--14	W--21	D---8	D--16	3.0
16	ROTHBACH, BRIAN D	CA	1006/10	1073/16	L---7	D--12	W---9	L---8	W--20	D--15	3.0
17	FISHER-KIRSH, TOV	CA	1274*d4	1249*d4	B----	L---2	W--18	D---5	L---7	L--13	2.5
18	ROSENBERG, DAVID	CA	885/04	900/08	L---4	W--21	L--17	L---9	B----	H----	2.0
19	GODFREY, BENJAMIN	CA	1245/01	1072/05	L--11	W--15	B----	L---1	L---9	U----	2.0
20	CHOI, DANNY	CA	980*e2	944*e2	L--15	B----	L--11	L--13	L--16	L--10	1.0
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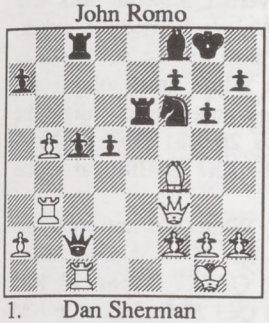
What Is the Best Move?

by NM David Forthoffer

See if you can find the best move in each of the following positions. The best move involves tactics, often leading to mate or a decisive win. Sometimes it might be to just win a pawn, or find the only move to stave off immediate disaster. If you understand the tactics, you'll know the *best* move. We're not talking subtle strategy!

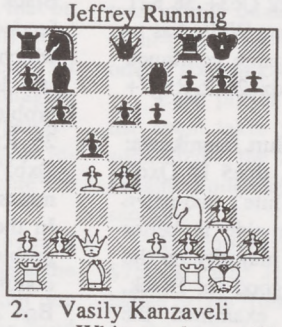
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John Romo



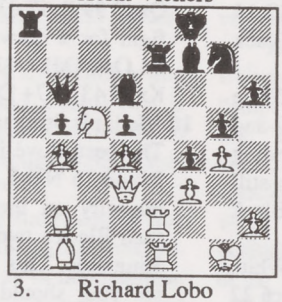
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Black to play (1)

Jeffrey Running



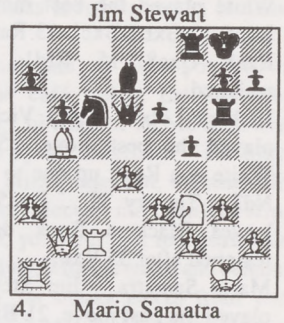
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White to play (1)

Keith Vickers



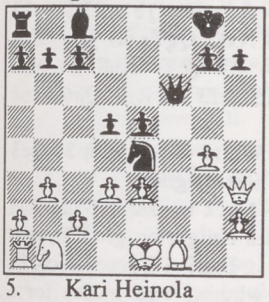
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Jim Stewart



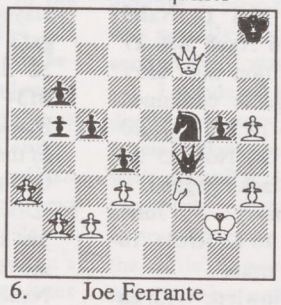
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White to play (2)

Oleg Shakhnazarov



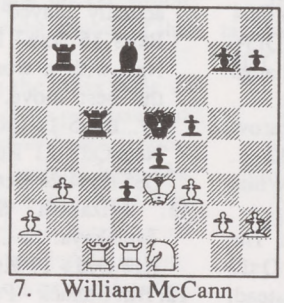
5. Kari Heinola
Black to play (2)

Walter Lesquiller



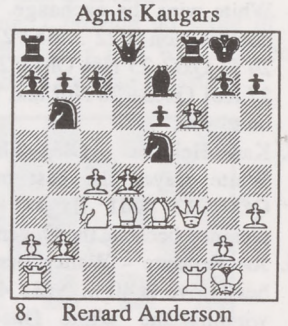
6. Joe Ferrante
Black to play (2)

Jesse Jestadt



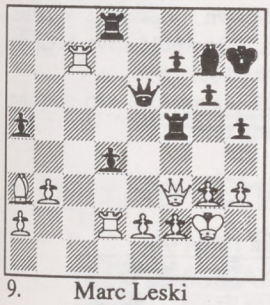
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Black to play (2)

Agnis Kaugars



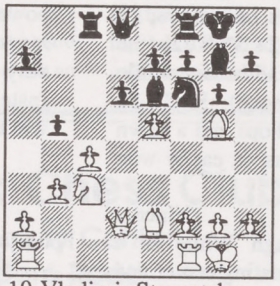
8. Renard Anderson
White to play (3)

Burt Izumikawa



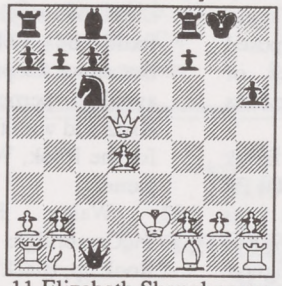
9. Marc Leski
White to play (4)

Burt Izumikawa



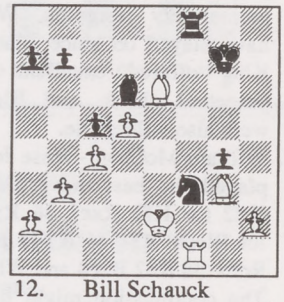
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Black to play (5)

Julia Tverskaya



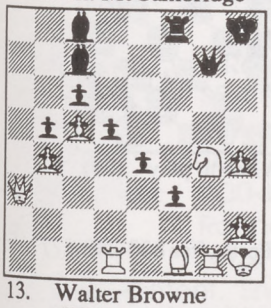
11. Elizabeth Shaughnessy
Black to play (2)

Patrick Howlett



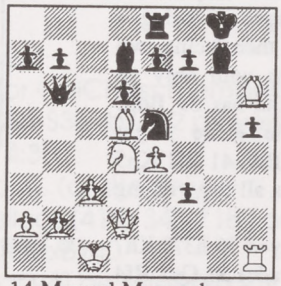
12. Bill Schauck
White to play (5)

Vincent McCambridge



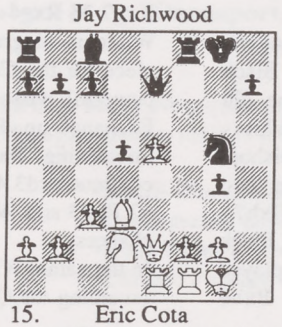
13. Walter Browne
White to play (10)

Gilbert Chambers



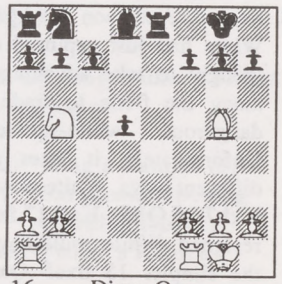
14. Manuel Mangrobang
Black to play (10)

Jay Richwood



15. Eric Cota
Black to play (12)

Mark Lazzaro



16. Diana Ong
Black to play (2)

What is the Best Move?

Continued from page 9

To count as solving a problem, you should have examined all the **bold face moves**.

1. Dan Sherman - John Romo: The best move is 30 ... **Qxc1+ 31 Bxc1 Re1 mate**. In the game, Black played 30 ... Qf5 and White immediately resigned because he was a piece down.
2. Vasily Kanzaveli - Jeffrey Running: White played the best move, **11 Ng5** Bxg5 12 Bxb7 Bxc1 13 Raxc1 Nd7 14 Bxa8 Qxa8 15 Rfd1 and Black resigned.
3. Richard Lobo - Keith Vickers: White played the best move, 35 **Rxe7** and White is a Rook up due to the pending Nd7+. The try 35 ... Bxc5 36 dc still leaves Black a Rook down. Black resigned after 35 Rxe7.
4. Mario Samatra - Jim Stewart: White played the best move, 21 **Bxc6 Bxc6 22 Ne5** forking the Bishop and the Rook. White wins the exchange. The critical continuation is 22 ... Bb7 23 Nxg6 Qd4 24 f3 Qxf3 25 Nf4 Qh1+ 26 Kf2 Qf3+ 27 Ke1 Qxe3+ 28 Ne2 and White hangs on to win.
5. Kari Heinola - Oleg Shakhnazarov: White played the best move, 12 ... **Qf2+ 13 Kd1 Bxg4+!** and White resigned because the Queen is lost.
6. Joe Ferrante - Walter Lesquiller: The best move is 40 ... **Ne3+ 41 Kf2 Qxf7** winning the White Queen. Instead, Black played 40 ... Qg3+ which wins a piece with check. White responded by prematurely resigning. White should have played on since Black's exposed King offered excellent chances of perpetual check, and Black's pawns were also vulnerable.
7. William McCann - Jesse Jestadt: Black played the best move, 34 ... **f4+ 35 Kd2** (or **Kf2 Rxc1 36 Rxc1 d2** wins for Black) **e3+ 36 Kxd3 Bb5+** 37 Rc4 Rd5+ 38 Kc2 Bxc4 and White resigned. The continuation might have been 39 bxc4 Rb2+ 40 Kxb2 Rxd1 41 Nc2 e2 42 Kc3 Rc1 43 Kd2 Rxc2+.
8. Renard Anderson - Agnis Kaugars: White had just captured e5xf6. Black thought to take advantage of the pin along the f-file to trade off White's dangerous white-squared Bishop. Unfortunately, it loses a piece two different ways. White played 15 **Bxh7+ Kxh7 16 Qh5+ Kg8 17 fxe7** and Black resigned. White could have also played the simpler 15 **dxe5 Qxd3 16 Bxb6** Qxf3 17 Rxf3 axb6 18 fxe7. Give yourself credit if you found either win. I prefer dxe5 because it encourages Queens to come off.
9. Marc Leski - Burt Izumikawa: The best move is 36 **Qe3** holding down the fort and keeping up the pressure. Possibly in time pressure, White actually played 36 Qc6?? Rxf2+ 37 Kxf2 Qe3+ 38 Kf1 Qxd2 39 Rxf7 d3 and now White has to fight for a draw. The game continued 40 Qe4 Qd1+ 41 Kg2 dxe2 42 Rxg7+ Kxg7 43 Qe7+ Drawn

10 Vladimir Strugatsky - Burt Izumikawa: The best move is 13 ... **dxe5** 14 Qxd8 Rfxd8 15 Nxb5, and White's two-pawn majority on the Queen-side is better than Black's two-pawn majority on the King-side. This is not good for Black, so you should have examined the alternatives. 13 ... **b4** loses to **14 exf6 bxc3 15 fxe7!**, or **14 exf6 exf6** Black actually played 13 ... **Ne8 14 Nxb5 Bxe5 15 Nxa7 Bxa1 16 Nxc8 Bf6 17 Na7** with a worse position than after the best move. The game continued 17...Bxg5 18 Qxg5 Nf6 19 Bf3 Kg7 20 Nc6 Qd7 21 Re1 Re8 22 Nd4 d5 23 Qe5 dxc4 24 Bc6 and Black resigned.

11. Elizabeth Shaughnessy - Julia Tverskaya: 14 ... **Bg4+ 15 f3 Rfe8+ 16 Kf2 Qe1+ 17 Kg1 Qe3 mate**
12. Bill Shauck - Patrick Howlett: With an inferior game, Black allowed this position in hopes of getting perpetual check. White played the best move, 29 **Bxd6 Nd4+ 30 Ke1 Nc2+ 31 Kd2!** (the key move, keeping the advantage while avoiding perpetual check) Rxf1 32 Kxc2 and with two Bishops and a Pawn for the Rook, White has an easily won game.
13. Walter Browne - Vincent McCambridge: Although White is a Rook up, Black's dominating center and King-side threats are imposing. The best move is 36 **Qa1 Bxg4 37 Qxg7+ Kxg7 38 Rxg4+ Kh6.** In this position, White is in grave danger of losing a piece for the f3 pawn, then facing two powerful passed pawns with only an Exchange up. But White has **39 Bd3!** threatening Bxe4. The game might continue exd3 40 Rd4 Bd8 41 Rf1 Kh5 42 Rxd3 and White has all the winning chances.

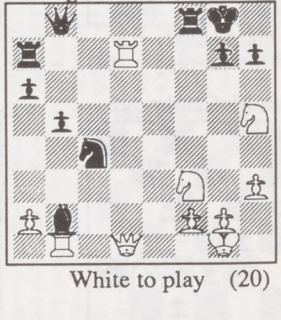
    In the game, White played 36 h3?? Kh7 (avoiding the Queen trade) 37 Qc1 Rf4 38 Qe3 Bxg4 39 hxg4 Rxg4 40 Bh3 Qe5 41 Rd2 Rxh4 and White resigned.
14. Manuel Mangrobang - Gilbert Chambers: Black played the best move, 21 ... **Nd3+.** White could play **22 Kc2** and Black is in grave danger of losing a piece. Fortunately, Black could play 22 ... **Nb4+! 23 Kb1 Nxd5 24 ed Bf6.** Black has averted material loss and fended off White's immediate attack, which is the best he can do. Black is still lost, but White must solve some problems. One continuation might be 25 Rxh5 Qa6 26 Rh1 Bb5 27 Nxb5 Qxb5 28 Rg1+ Kh7 29 Bf8 and White mates.

    In the game, White did not solve the problems. After 21 ... Nd3+, White continued 22 Qxd3?? Bxh6+ 23 Kb1 Bg4 24 Nxf3 Qe3 25 Qb5 Rc8 26 Nd4 and Black went on to win.
15. Eric Cota - Jay Richwood: Black played the best move, 18 ... **Nf3+ 19 gxf3 gxf3 20 Nxf3 Qg7+ 21 Kh1 Bg4** 22 Be4 dxe4 23 Qc4+ Kh8 24 Nh2 Bf3+ 25 Nxf3 exf3 26 Rg1 Qh6+ and Black mates.

    In the game, White varied with **20 Qe3 Qg7+** and White resigned.
16. Diana Ong - Mark Lazzaro: White had just captured a Knight on g5. The best move is 16 ... **Bxg5 17 Nxc7 Nc6 18 Nxa8 Rxa8** winning two pieces for a Rook and a Pawn. Black would have been left with a Bishop, a Knight, and a powerful d-pawn against White's measly Rook. This would have been an easy win.

    Instead, Black played 16 ... f6 and the win took a long time.

Food for thought:



White to play (20)

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Dutch Treat

by Clarence Lehman

Imagine arriving at a tournament where the wall charts are already filled in with the players' names. Imagine these same charts posted for public display adjacent to a schedule of the five rounds. Further imagine all tables clearly labeled with a sign designating the section to be played there. Still further, imagine that on the tables, there are boards, practically new wooden sets, and very expensive clocks set up awaiting battle. Further yet, imagine that laying across each board is a typewritten form used by the players to report results to the TD. Players simply circle the result and sign their names.

Of course this procedure happens each and every round, precisely at the time the schedule states. Somewhere between one and two hundred players, good *koffee*, food and Heineken *bier* (Dutch) are on hand. Is this a dream? Nope, it's Holland, or the Netherlands, as it is formally called.

Of course these things are possible because the registration is all done in advance by a simple phone call. The format is entirely six-player round-robin sections.

Still, the entry fee is only *tien guilden* (about $6.50). And the coffee and beer promises mixed results. Oh, the coffee is freshly brewed, by the cup, and served in a cup and saucer. The bottled beer comes along with a glass.

This tournament had a thirty-minute time control, so no one kept score. My results were 2.5 out of five, third place, and I received my entry fee back, not bad for an ELO 2100 section.

Another Saturday tourney which I played in had all of the same unbearable conditions mentioned earlier, except that the format was many ten-minute games.

Three quads were held, each player accumulating a score for the quad. The total points qualified players for a final eight-player section. This format assures one of sixteen games.

Each player keeps a crosstable while the event takes place and a final one is submitted to the TD. I played well early on because I qualified for a tough eight-player section.

The top prize in the final section was $750.00 cash. The remaining sections selected prizes from an array of merchandise on the prize table. These items consisted of everything from cologne to coasters, including a nice champagne bucket which was proudly snatched by the winner of the section that I was in.

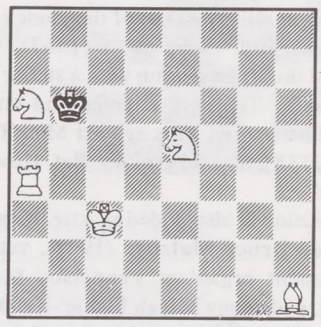
I pondered keeping the cross table to display evidence of this chess paradise, but when I asked another player in the section with a similar score if I could keep the crosstable, he smiled and said, "Sure," as he tore his up in little pieces, laughing all the while, to which I responded by tearing mine up also, and the laughter escalated.

One café has a problem posted for weary travelers to solve, the one included in this article. Additionally, this café is a hangout for many very strong players. The café provides FREE equipment for its patrons to use! It is feasible to go there, set up a board, and play chess from morning 'til night—in fact, I did.

Before leaving, I express thanks to the fine folks at Inside Chess Enterprises, the Dutch Chess Federation, Rabobank, Postbank, and Mr. Milort of Utrecht for making my chess involvement in Holland very special.

As a final tale, if ever you are in Utrecht at the café Leifig Erf, meaning "empty space," beware of an old man saying, "Do you speak English?" He plays about a 1600 blitz game, but, occasionally knocking over pieces, not remembering where they go, you help him reconstruct the position, and slyly, with the speed and cunning of an old pro, he sneaks pieces from your captured pile back onto the board, apologizing each and every time he is caught.

In closing, I provide no score of a tactical Dutch, ending in a Windmill, but offer this problem for your pleasure.



White to move and mate in three

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Action in the Valley

by NMs Peter Yu and Mike Arné

Following up on a very successful Silicon Valley Championship last fall, the Silicon Valley Chess Syndicate held their first Silicon Valley Action Championships. Rarely do Bay Area players get a chance to partake in a USCF-rated tournament with Game-in-45 (or faster) time controls. Speed demons and cheapo artists alike showed up at the Santa Clara Days Inn on December 12th, to demonstrate their ability to duke it out in sudden death.

In the top section, **SM Burt Izumikawa** (2482), **FM Renard Anderson** (2276), and **NM Peter Yu** (2274) all tied for first with a 3-1 score. Yu led the field by a full point going into round four after he offered NM Luis Busquets (2231) a draw in round 3. But in the last round, Izumikawa outplayed Yu to deny him a runaway victory. This allowed undefeated Anderson to join the winners' circle with a round-four win. Just out of the money was eight-year-old Vinay Bhat (1667), who stunned the Open section with a stellar 2.5-1.5 result. The very talented and underrated Bhat scored wins against Mark Gagnon (2138) and organizer Pat Howlett (1970).

Section II also ended in a tie, between top seed **Bruce Matzner** (1929), veteran tournament organizer **Francisco Sierra** (1657), and young **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1440). Section II leader Matzner also went into round four a point ahead of his next closest challenger, but Sierra's clutch win over Matzner permitted the three-way finish for first. Junior star Fisher-Kirshner went undefeated, and notched a performance no less commendable than that of Vinay Bhat in the Open.

The tournament did see one clear winner, **Dave Steele** (1551) of Section III. Highest-ranked Steele, who earned an enviable perfect 4-0, placed a whole point ahead of second and third-place finishers **Russell Knecht** (1528) and newcomer **R. Forood** (Unr). Tournament Director **Doug Dekker**, assisted by **Carolyn Withgitt**, did an excellent job of pleasing the players and avoiding serious time disputes. **Pat Howlett** again awarded Howlett Financial Tax Services (HFTS) Micro-Prix points to all participants. Currently, **NM Peter Yu** leads the Micro-Prix pack with 10 points, followed closely by fellow master **Renard Anderson** at 9. The HFTS Micro-Prix will award cash prizes to the three highest point accumulators (from any rating level) at the end of this year. Here are a couple of interesting games.

White: NM Peter Yu (2337)
Black: Ismael Martinez (2139)
English Opening [A12]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. c4 e6 2. Nf3

A mistake would be 2. g3 d5 3. b3? dc4 4. bc4 Qd4, and Black wins a pawn.

2...d5 3. b3

Theory prefers 3. g3 which offers Black the c4 pawn.

3...Nf6 4. g3 c5!?

ECO cites 4...Nbd7 5. Bb2 Bd6 6. Bg2 0-0 7. 0-0 b6 8. cd5 ed5 9. Nd4 Bb7 10. Nf5 Ne8 11. Nc3 Ndf6 12. Nb5, giving White a slight plus as in Petrosian-Hasin, USSR 1968.

5. Bg2

Also playable is 5. Bb2 d4 6. b4 +=, but the text keeps Black guessing as to which way White's Bc1 will develop.

5...Nc6 6. 0-0 d4 7. d3 e5

White doesn't mind Black's central formation, since the pawn moves cost valuable tempi for Black.

8. e4!?

With this, White skillfully transposes to a reverse King's Indian position.

8...h6

8...de3 only helps White. It exchanges the cramping d-pawn and opens lines for White's better-developed pieces. Best was 8...Be7; the text only wastes valuable time defending against a nonexistent pin.

9. Nh4 g5 10. Nf5 Ne7 11. Re1 Ng6

Black has taken extensive precautions to prevent White's standard King's Indian f2-f4 push. Unfortunately, this meant committing the Black pawn structure while ignoring development.

12. b4

Now is the time to strike! Throughout the opening, White has maintained a flexible agenda. Like a chameleon, the first player has switched from an English to a King's Indian Attack, and now offers a reversed Benko Gambit!

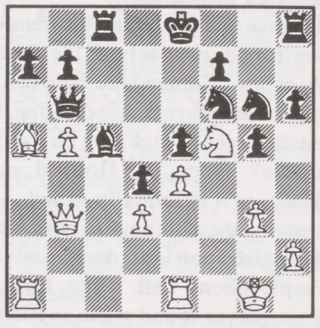
12...cb4

What else? Black has little going for him with all his pieces static on the kingside. He might as well try to hold a pawn advantage while neutralizing White's ensuing compensation. A good plan, but watch how quickly White's play escalates.

13. a3 ba3 14. Na3 Bd7 15. Qb3 Qb6 16. Nb5 Bb5 17. cb5 Rc8 18. Bd2 Bc5??

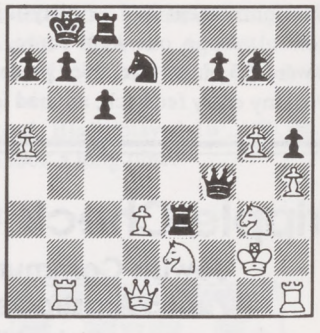
Black completely misses White's threat of 19. Ba5 Qc5 20. Rfc1 winning the Queen.

19. Ba5 1-0



The sensation of the tournament was the result of rising talent Vinay Bhat in the top section. Here is how he beat Mark Gagnon.

Annotated by NM Mike Arné.



Gagnon–Bhat

29...Qf3+ 30. Kh2

This walks into mate. Better was 30. Kg1, Rce8 31. Rh2 (31. Qf1, Qg4) when White has a chance to survive after 31...Ne5

30... Rce8 31. Qf1

31. Rb2 Qf2+ 32. Kh3 Rxg3 33. Nxg3 Qxb2 - +

31... Rxe2+ White resigns 0-1

32. Nxe2 Rxe2+ 33. Kg1 Qg3+ mates.

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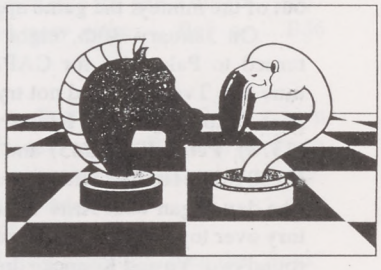
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CAPA Master's III & IV

by NM Peter Yu

NM Mike Splane, with the help of NM Joe Siroker's Chess Academy of Palo Alto (CAPA), recently organized the third and fourth CAPA All-Master Game-in-Sixty Tournaments. The third CAPA Masters, held December 12th, saw **NM Julia Tverskaya** (2331) repeat her CAPA II clear first victory. This time, Julia scored a convincing 4-0 against an all-male master field. Top-rated **SM Burt Izumikawa** (2482) and **FM Renard Anderson** (2276) tied for second place with 3 points each. While Izumikawa managed to finish undefeated, Anderson's only loss was to the eventual tournament winner. In the final round, NM Peter Yu (2337) had a chance to take it all when he achieved a better position against Tverskaya. But a crucial mistake put Yu out of the money: the game appears below.

On January 30th, eight masters returned to Palo Alto for CAPA IV. This time Ms. Tverskaya did not try for a three-peat, allowing NMs **Richard Koepcke** (2378), **Peter Yu** (2345) and **Mike Arné** (2280) to tie for first with three points each. The day began with Arné's round one victory over top-seed SM Burt Izumikawa. In round two, Yu and Koepcke drew, allowing Arné to jump ahead of the field. It was up to Koepcke to slow Arné down with a round three draw, while Yu got a lucky win against Izumikawa. In the final round, a "grandmaster draw" was agreed between leaders Yu and Arné to secure a share of first. They then watched as NM Steve Schonhaut (2232), plagued by chronic time trouble, blundered away an exchange advantage to let Koepcke join the winners.

Although fast time controls can often give rise to inspirational play, most games are decided by mistakes. So what else is new? Below are some games which offered a relatively high level of quality, with only brief, if any, lapses in concentration. All players, Masters especially, should "master" fast time controls. In today's fast-paced world, traditional time controls are becoming scarcer and "slow" chess is becoming more of a luxury. Even those who despise quicker chess can benefit from lessons in cognitive efficiency. With more practice in sudden-death play, for example, Steve Schonhaut could easily have scored 4-0, as he had winning positions in all three of his losses.

White: NM Peter Yu (2274)
Black: NM Julia Tverskaya (2331)
CAPA Masters III Rd. 4
King's Indian Defense [E98]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7 5. Be2 0-0 6. Nf3 e5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 Ne8?!

This hopes to save time over the main line's ...Nd7-f6-e8 manuever, but White can exploit Black's lack of control over the crucial c5 square. IM Andrew Martin believes 9...Nd7 to be best. "It is important to control the center, and while 9...Ne8 is possible, 10. Nd3 f5 might give White the advantage, so it's better not to allow this."

10. Be3!

Improving upon Martin's note from above. 10. Nd3 is good but less clear after 11...fe4 12. Ne4 c6!? as in Enklaar-Ghitescu, Amsterdam 1981.

10...f5 11. f3 f4 12. Bf2 g5 13. c5 Rf7

Theory. Black now deviates from more common moves:
13...h5 14. a4! +-, intending 15. cd6 cd6 16. Nb5 a6 17. Na3-c4 [Farago].
13...Rf6 14. Rc1 Rh6 15. Nd3 and Black's position lacks sting.
13...Ng6 14. a4 Rf7 15. cd6 cd6 16. a4 h5 17. Nb5 a6 18. Nc3 Nf6 19. Na4 Nd7 20. Nb6 +-, O'Kelly-Ghitescu, Sandefjord 1975.
13...Nf6 14. Rc1 Ng6 15. cd6 cd6 16. Nb5 Rf7 gives Black the best practical chance.

14. b4 Bf8 15. a4 Ng6 16. Nd3 h5 17. a5 Nf6 18. h3 Rg7 19. b5

White has reached a theoretically superior position. However, Black does not intend to go quietly, and offers a speculative pawn sac.

19...g4!? 20. fg4 hg4 21. hg4 Ne7 22. b6!

White breaks through on the queenside while Black has no more than a pawn deficit on the kingside.

22...ab6 23. cd6! cd6 24. Bb6

This clears f2 for White's Knight while tying up Black's c8-h3 diagonal.

24...Qd7 25. Nf2 Ng6 26. Nb5 Nh4 27. Nc7 Rb8 28. Ne6?!

An okay move, but not the best! King's Indian experts know the attacking value of Black's Queen Bishop. While this move shuts off the key Black diagonal with tempo, White could have played more ambitiously. NM Mike Arné suggests 28. Rc1! intending 29. Ba7 winning a whole Rook. Black is helpless to make use of her free move and cannot recover material with her stalled attack.

I had only considered 28. Ne6 followed by 29. Rc1-c7 harassing the Black Queen. Overestimating Black's kingside chances, I chose the conservative Ne6.

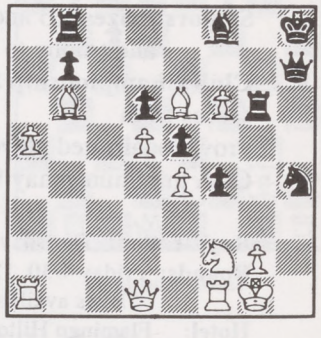
28...Rg6 29. g5?

A pure lapse in concentration. White wastes a tempo weakening his kingside—not the best strategy against an attack. Accustomed to the fast time controls, White briefly forgets that his front g-pawn is pinned, and makes a quick, natural mistake.

29...Qh7! 30. Bg4 Be6 31. Be6 Kh8

After one bad move by White, Black has turned things around and reached a winning position. A mark of a good King's Indian player is how quickly he or she can muster up threats against the White monarch. This means having an ultra-agressive piece placement ready to capitalize on White's slightest inaccuracy. White can see no good way to defend his g and h-files. Both 32. Nh3 Ne4 and 32. Bh3 Rg5 with dual threats of Ne4 and Ng2 win for the second player. Dissappointed at letting his lead and a possible clear-first finish slip away, White decides on a dubious plan.

32. gf6?!



32. Ra3 was White's best defense, according to the spectators, after which 32...Rg5 33. Rh3 gives White some hope due to tactics along the h-file.

32...Rg2 33. Kh1 Rg3

White had hoped for 33...Nf3? 34. Kg2 and Black runs out of steam.

34. Nh3 Qe4

The crusher; White had overlooked this back on move 32.

35. Rf3 Rf3 36. Kg1 Rg3 37. Kf2 Qg2 38. Ke1 Nf3 39. Qf3 Rf3 40. Nf2 Qg1 41. Ke2

Rf2 42. Bf2 Qa1 43. Bh4 Qh1 0-1

A good fight by Julia, who proves that openings do not decide the game.

White: NM Mike Splane (2261)
Black: NM Steve Schonhaut (2232)
CAPA Masters IV Rd. 2
Falkbeer Counter-Gambit [C31]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. e4 e5 2. f4 d5

Black fights fire with fire by using the extremely tactical Falkbeer Counter Gambit, also known as the Greco-Roman Counter Gambit.

3. ed5 c6

More common is 3...e4, after which 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Qe2 Bg4 6. Qb5 (6. Qe3 Bf5 7. Bb5 c6 8. dc6 Nc6 with compensation) Nbd7 7. h3 a6 8. Qc4 b5 9. Qc6 Bf5 10. g4 Bc5 11. gf5 0-0 12. b4 Ba7 gave Black enough play for the piece in Obochovsky-Kuznetsov, Moscow 1980.

A safer reply to 3...e4 is 4. d3 Nf6 (Qd5 5. Nc3 Bb4 6. 6. Bd2 Bc3 7. Bc3 Nge7 8. de4! +=) 5. de4 Ne4. And now 6. Nf3 Bc5 7. Bd3!? (Qe2 is also good) 0-0 8. Be4 Re8 9. Nc3! gives White the advantage–*BCO*.

4. Nc3!

4. dc6 Nc6 5. Bb5 ef4 6. Nf3 Bd6 7. d4 Ne7 8. 0-0 0-0 allowed Black to equalize as in Ree-Short, Wijk an Zee, 1986.

4...ef4

Not 4...cd5 5. fe5 d4 6. Ne4 Qd5 7. Bd3! +=.

5. Nf3 Bd6 6. d4 Ne7 7. Bc4

In Day-Mercuri, St. John 1988, White tried 7. dc6 Nbc6 8. Bd3 0-0 9. Ne2 Bg4 10. 0-0 Nd5 with an unclear position.

7...0-0 8. 0-0 Bg4 9. Qe1

The main line continues 9. dc6 Nbc6 10. Ne2 Ng6 11. c3 and White has a slight pull in the position.

9...Ng6 10. Ne5 Be5 11. de5 Qe7 12. Bb3

Pre-empting against ...b5-b4 by Black.

12...f3!

Black's doomed pawn fulfills one more mission, that of opening White's kingside shelter.

13. gf3 Bh3 14. Rf2

Black will now get play based on White's back-rank weaknesses.

14...Ne5

Threatening ...Nf3+, soon to be a recurring idea for Black.

15. Bf4 Nbd7

Black cannot wait indefinitely for White to exchange on c6. The second player has exhausted all his existing agressive moves, and now looks for reinforcements.

16. Qe4 Rae8 17. dc6 bc6 18. Re1!?

What at first appears to be an oversight, actually leads to a series of sharp exchanges, resulting in material equality!

18...Nf3 19. Rf3 Qc5 20. Ree3! Re4 21. Ne4 Qh5!

I give so many exclams, not because these are forced moves, but that, amazingly, both players survive. First, White keeps his chances alive by using the right Rook on move twenty. Black, equally adept, defends against White's threat indirectly due to 22. Rh3 Qg4. But wait, the forced moves aren't over yet!

22. Bd6! Be6! 23. Bf8 Nf8 24. Be6 Ne6

Now who's winning? Probably whoever has more time left at this Game-in-Sixty time control. Disregarding the clock, the position becomes harder to evaluate. White got two Rooks for Black's Queen and pawn and can attack along the open kingside files. Black, on the other hand, has his kingside pawns intact and a marauding Queen. Moreover, the Queen can use those same open files to deliver perpetual check. Thus, the real key to this position will be how quickly and effective each player uses his Knight.

25. Nd6 f6 26. Nf5 Ng5 27. Rf1 h6 28. Re7 Qg4?!

This only helps White's cause, but Black is short on time.

29. Kh1 Nf7 30. Ng7

Although White has won a pawn, Black should still have at least (and perhaps at most!) a draw by perpetual if White ever gets too ambitious.

30...Qb4 31. Nf5 Qb2 32. Ra7 Qc2

Black seems to be winning the struggle. His Queen and passed c-pawn will be a tricky duo to stop given how vulnerable White's King is to checks. Black's Rooks are disconnected and cannot give checkmate with the Knight and Rook pair.

33. Rg1 Ng5 34. Nh6 Kf8 35. Re1

Setting one last trap with thrity seconds left on Black's digital clock.

35...Nf3?? 36. Rf7 1-0

35...Qf2 would have won after 35...Rae7 36. Qf3 Kg1 Nh3 mate. An exciting and tragic lesson in time-management.

White: NM Peter Yu (2345)
Black: NM Richard Koepcke (2378)
CAPA Masters IV Rd. 2
English Opening [A12]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. c4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. b3 Nf6 4. g3 Bg4

A solid alternative is 4...Bf5 5. e3 e6 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. 0-0 h6 8. Nc3 Be7 9. d3 Bh7 10. Qd2 0-0 with a level game as in Panno-Addison, Palma de Mallorca Interzonals 1970. Koepcke told me after the game that he chose 4...Bg4 because SM Vladimir Strugatsky plays it, and "he must know what he's doing."

5. Bg2

The main alternative continues 5. e3 e6 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. 0-0 Bd6 (Be7 8. d3 0-0 9. Nbd2 Re8 10. a3 a5 11. Re1 Bf8 12. Nf1 Qb6 13. Qc2 e5 equalized for Black in Andersson-Petrosian, Manila 1974.) 8. d3 (no better is 8. h3 or 8. cd5) 0-0 9. Nbd2 Qe7 (Hort recommends 9...e5!?) 10. Nd4 Be2 11. Qe2 Ba3 12. Ba3 Qa3 13. f4 Qe7 with equal chances, Andersson-Hort, Gothenburg 1971.

More interesting is 5. h3 Bh5 6. d3 Nbd7 7. Nbd2 e6 8. Bb2 Bxf3 9. ef3 dc4 10. dc4 Qa5, with an unclear position, Szabo-Pomar, Palma de Mallorca 1969.

5....Nbd7

ECO gives 5...e6 6. Bb2 (0-0 Bd6 7. Ba3 Ba3 8. Na3 0-0 9. Nc2 Nbd7 10. d3 a5 11. cd5 cd5 12. Qd2 Qb6 from Byrne-Ivkov, Vincovci 1968, leading to an equal position, much like the game did) 6...Nbd7 7. 0-0, and now either ...Be7 or ...Bd6 equalizes.

6. 0-0

Both 6. Ba3 and 6. Bb2 have been played. The text entices Black to try for an advantage, allowing White to play his preferred, hypermodern style.

6...e5 7. d3

This is less committal than the "Book" 7. cd5 cd5 8. d3 Bc5 9. Bb2 e4 10. de4 de4 11. Ng5 e3 12. f4, when a draw was agreed between Bilek and Vaganian, in Kragujevac, 1974.

7...Bd6 8. Ba3 Ba3 9. Na3 Qe7 10. Nc2 0-0 11. h3 Be6

The opening has resulted in comfortable positions for both players. Black has a nice central pawn mass and well-developed pieces, while White retains flexibility in his piece and pawn placement. Neither player has a clear winning plan since the position lacks exploitable weaknesses. Black may want to push his center pawns but will be hard pressed to break through White's potential Ne3 blockade. Similarly, White's natural plan of queenside expansion may never be realized due to Black's own options of ...a5 and ...b5.

12. Qe1 a5

12...h6 may be a better choice, as it keeps Black's Bishop. Black really need not fear 12...h6 13. Qb4?! Qb4 14. Nb4 a5! when it becomes clear that White is trying too hard for a nonexistent initiative.

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People's Celebrates Platinum Anniversary

by NM Peter Yu & Frisco Del Rosario

This year marked the 20th anniversary of a Northern California tradition. The 20th Annual People's drew well over 200 chess players, young and old, to UC Berkeley's grand Pauley Ballroom February 13-15. State Champion **GM Nick de Firmian** (2619) and **FM Renard Anderson** (2404) tied for top honors in the strong Master section during Presidents' Day Weekend. De Firmian, who graduated from Berkeley with a B.S. in Chemistry, returned to the People's tournament after a two-year layoff. Previous to that, de Firmian had won back-to-back firsts in 1989 and 1990. Our other co-champion, Anderson, has played in many People's Tournaments, but this was his first victory. Anderson's persistence has paid off in his recent string of strong performances at the American Open, Western States Open, and Capps Memorial.



Junior Winners (l-r)
Joe Lonsdale, Julio Lima, Kevin Simler,
Kevin O'Brien, and Jeff Lonsdale

As usual, the People's featured a top-heavy Master section. Along with de Firmian, **IMs Igor Ivanov** and **Marc Leski** were paired against fellow Masters as early as the first round! However, neither Ivanov nor Leski survived through the six-round struggle without losing to lower-rated Masters. Most notable was **NM Alan Stein's** (2245) exhausting round five win over Leski. Stein was up only an exchange for a pawn, but managed to convert the full point over his more experienced and higher-rated opponent. In the final round, de Firmian held Stein to a draw despite a pawn deficit by the GM. Thus, Stein tied for third place and Under 2300 honors with **NM Bill Orton** (2229), both at 4.5-1.5. Orton entered into the money after beating **NM Paul Cripe** in the final round, while Anderson won over **NM Zoran Lazetich**.

Even the Expert section saw some heavy-hitters, with Livermore's **Keith Mehl** (2175) edging out **Sean Fitzpatrick** (2172), **Dr. Pascal Baudry** (2161), and **Vladimir Timoschenko** (2016). In the last round, Mehl reversed a difficult game against **Bill Haines** (2125) to finish 5-1. While Baudry and Fitzpatrick drew each other, Timoschenko was able to join them in a tie for second through fourth after a much needed round six win.

Berkeley Chess Club member **Alan Estes** (1907) tied with **Karl Paulson** (1914) at five points apiece to top the A Section. **Robert Christopher** (1966) and **Virgil Dalusung** (1900) tied for third and fourth with 4.5-1.5 each.

The B Section boasted the closest-to-perfect score, with **Winston Tsang** (1772) winning clear first at 5.5-.5. Former *CCJ* Publisher and CalChess Treasurer **Hans Poschmann** (1762) followed closely behind with 5 points to take clear second-place. **Scott Nollet** (1656) and **Morgan Gray** (1567) both scored 4.5 to tie for third.

The two-day Reserve Section on Sunday and Monday produced a massive tie between **Ken White** (1523), **Garland Comins** (1453), **Josh Powell** (1361), **Bryan Keagle** (1344), and **Brian Pendleton** (1190), all at 4-1. The winners managed to divvy all of the Reserve prizes and, amazingly enough, none of them were foreign or unrated Masters!

64 of California's future chess stars produced a record turnout in the Young People's tournament. **Kevin O'Brien** (1374) and **Kevin Simler** (1527) shared the championship title, each scoring a perfect 5-0. The lower-rated O'Brien took the top trophy on tiebreaks, but both deserve equal recognition for a well-played tournament. **Joe Lonsdale** (1390) won third place with 4.5 points, while **Julio Lima** (Unr.) gave an outstanding 4-1 tournament-debut performance to win best Under 13 on tiebreaks. The younger Lonsdale brother, **Jeff Lonsdale** (1202), won top Under 11 honors on tiebreaks, also scoring 4-1.

A crack team of Tournament Directors consisting of Alan Tse, Don Shennum, and Peter Yu kept things running blissfully smooth over Valentine's Day Weekend. Below are some games annotated by *CCJ* correspondents who attended this decades-old favorite.

White: Frisco Del Rosario (2045)
Black: Agnis Kaugars (2198)
Staunton Gambit [A83]
Annotated by Frisco Del Rosario

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1. d4 f5 2. e4 fe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Nc6 5. f3 d5

Equal, according to Taimanov.

6. fe4 Bg4 7. Qd2

White would rather keep his white-squared Bishop for attacking purposes than trade it with 7. Be2.

7...Ne4 8. Ne4 de4 9. Bb5 a6

White threatened 10. d5 and Black might never complete his development if he plays 9...Bd7.

10. Bc6 bc6 11. Ne2 Qd5

On 11...Be2, White had first considered 12. Ke2?!, but the pawn sacrifice 12. Qe2 Qd4 13. Rd1 is a stronger sequence.

12. Nc3 Qf5 13. h3

Black has not overlooked the pawn fork, so 13. Rf1, 14. h3 and (if necessary 15. g4) 15. 0-0-0 is better.

13...Bh5 14. g4 Qf3 15. Rf1 Qg3 16. Rf2 Qg1 17. Rf1 Qg3 18. Rf2

White should judge to play for more than a draw by 18. Qf2 Qf2 19. Rf2 Bg6 20. Re2.

18...Bg6 19. 0-0-0 0-0-0

Curiously, Black's King is less subject to attack in the center. 19...e6 gives Black a chance to develop.

20. Na4 e3

A clever move to deflect White's Bishop. White's first notion was to leave a Rook en prise with 21. Qa5, intending 22. Nc5!, but 21...Qf2 threatens checkmate.

21. Be3 e5 22. Qe2

A good move, threatening 23. Qa6 and also the powerful Rook lift Rf3. Now if 22...Kb7 23. Rf8!

22... Be4

Preventing the Rook maneuver, but the Bishop hangs following White's tactic.

23. Rf8 Rhf8

If 23...Rdf8, 24. Qa6 Kd8 25. Bg5

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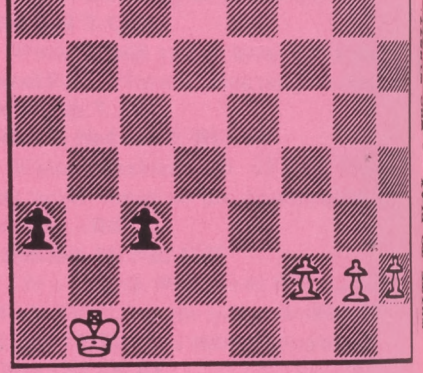
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Ke8 26. Nc5 Bd5 27. Qc8 Kf7 28. Rf1 Kg6 is not so clear.

24. Nc5 Rd5 25. Qa6 Kd8 26. Bg5 Ke8 27. Qc6 1-0

White: NM David Moulton (2200)
Black: IM Igor Ivanov (2572)
Caro-Kann Panov Attack [B14]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 cd5 4. c4

White opts for rapid development despite the potential weakness of an isolated d-pawn.

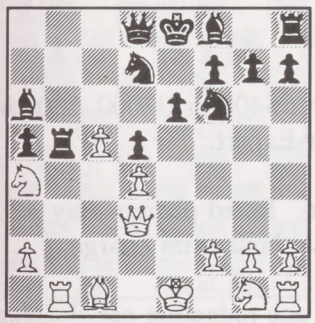
4...Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. c5?!

Premature. Theory gives 6. Nf3 Be7 first, then 7. c5 0-0 8. Bd3 b6 9. b4 a5 10. Na4 Nbd7 11. Bf4 ab4 12. c6 Nc5 13. dc5 bc5 with an unclear position. The text embarks on an ambitious queenside advance without any development on the kingside. White should prefer the useful 6. Nf3, securing e5, to Black's meek 6...Be7. Instead, against an IM, White will regret his hastiness.

6...b6 7. b4 a5 8. Na4 Nbd7 9. Bb5 bc5 10. bc5 Ba6!

White does well in shutting out Black's dark-squared Bishop, but cannot hold his post on b5 against Black's light-squared Bishop.

11. Rb1 Rb8 12. Qd3 Rb5!



An excellent sacrifice that guarantees equal return and additional time for the much-higher-rated player.

13. Rb5 e5

This would not have been possible if White had first played 6. Nf3 before pushing c5.

14. c6 Bb4

Again, if the "Book" 6. Nf3 Be7 was played, Black would have wasted a tempo by moving this Bishop twice. Instead, this time-saving check gives Black just enough time to allow an eventual capture on d7.

15. Kd1 0-0 16. Nb2

Preparing 17. a4, but too little too late. 17. cd7 only loses a pawn now due to Black's castling. 17. cd7 Qd7 and the b5 Rook cannot escape with Rb8 since Black had just enough time to play his last move.

16...Ne4! 17. Qf3

If 17. cd7 Bb5! 18. Qb5? Nc3+ wins the Queen. In times like these, it is better to retreat the royal mistress rather than lose her. Notice how Ivanov has dynamically defended his en prise Knight since move 14, and he will now reap his profit.

17...Bb5 18. cd7 ed4 19. Nh3 Qd7 0-1

White respectfully resigns, as Nc3+ is imminent, and he trusts the perennial "Grand-Prix IM" to convert the full point.

White: Rodolfo Zapata (2169)
Black: Kris Lawson (2123)
Chigorin's Defense [A40]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. d4 Nc6 2. d5

The other main lines are: a) 2. Nf3 f5!? (2...d6 3. e4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bg4 5. Bb5 gave White a slight plus in Hulak-Miles, Indonesia, 1982) 3. d5 Nb4 4. a3 Na6 5. b4 c5! 6. dc6 bc6 7. c4 Nc7 with an unclear position, as in Bisguier-Shirazi, Pasedena 1983.

Slightly better is b) 2. c4 e5 3. d5 Nce7 4. e4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Ng6 6. Be3 Bb4 7. f3 Bc3 8. bc3 d6 9. c5 0-0 and White has a small advantage.

2...Ne5 3. f4 Ng6 4. Nf3

Gerusel-Miles, Porz 1981 continued 4. e4 e6 5. Nf3 ed5 6. ed5 Bc5 7. Qd3 d6 with equal chances for both players.

4...e6 5. de6 de6 6. Qd8 Kd8 7. e4

White's unique move order has allowed him to exchange Queens, depriving Black of his right to castle. Moreover, White's center pawns appear to be quite content. Black, on the other hand, has greatly equalized the game by swapping Queens and can develop easily.

7...Bb4 8. c3 Bc5 9. b4

Not the prettiest of moves, but what else can White do? 8...Bc5 prevents White from castling kingside, and 9. Nbd2 cuts off protection for f4. White wants to develop his pieces as soon as possible and decides on a very quick, but haphazard, way. More sensible was 9. Bd3 Nf6 10. Nd4 e5 11. Nb3 Bd6 12. f5 Nf4 13. Bf4 ef4 14. Nbd2 and White can castle either way.

9...Bb6 10. Na3 Nf6 11. Bd3 Ke7 12. Nc4

12. Nc2 is better, allowing Nd4 and 0-0.

12...Rd8 13. Ke2

This move makes White's King an easy target for Black's pieces. Better is 13. Bc2, and if 13...Bd7 14. f5!; or 13...Ng4 14. Nb6 ab6 15. 0-0.

13...Bd7 14. Nb6

More accurate is 14. a4 a6 15. Nb6 cb6 16. Be3 or 14...c6 15. Nb6 cb6 16. Be3. The text allows a2 to become a backward pawn along the half-open file.

14...ab6 15. h3?

A horrible move, further weakening White's already committal pawn structure. Better is 15. Be3 Bc6 (Ra3 16. Rhc1 Bc6 17. Nd2 Nh5 18. g3) 16. Nd2 Nh5 17. Rhf1 (g3? f5! -+) Ra3 18. Nb1 (Nb3? Nf6!) Rd3!? 19. Na3 Rc3 20. Nb1 Rc2+ 21. Nd2 Be4 and White just barely maintains material balance. The text is too slow and overly protective, causing White to lose a pawn.

15...Bc6

Also playable was 15...Nh5.

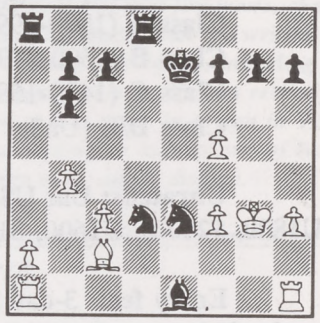
16. f5 ef5 17. ef5 Bf3 18. gf3

Usually two Bishops against two Knights would give White an advantage. However, the first player's shattered pawns, exposed King, and underdevelopment give Black's active pieces fertile ground for attacking. Now just sit back, relax, and watch Black's Knight-pair entrance White with their dance of death.

18...Ne5 19. Bc2 Nd5 20. Bd2 Nc4 21. Be1 Nf4 22. Kf2 Nd3 23. Kg3

White continues to cling to his pawns: 23. Bd3 Rd3 24. Kg3 Ne3 25. Kf4 Nc2 26. Rc1 Ra2 -+.

23...Ne3



Does Black get extra points for symmetry? White can no longer resist loss of material.

24. Bd3 Rd3 25. Kf4 Ng2 26. Ke4 Re3 27. Kd4 b5

Threatening 28...Rd8+ 29. Kc5 Re5 mate.

28. Bg3 Rd8 29. Kc5 Rc3 0-1

30. Kb5 Rd5+ 31. Ka4 b5+ 32. Ka5 Ra3 mates. A pretty game—who ever said Bishops are better than Knights?

White: Dr. Don Lieberman (1944)
Black: Dr. Pascal Baudry (2161)
Grob Attack [A00]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. g4

What's up, Doc? (White must have been talking with Mark Gagnon!)

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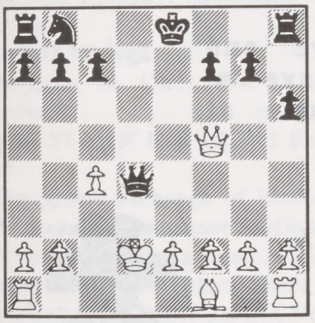
by Sam Sloan

In November, 1963, I hitchhiked to the Southern California Amateur Chess Championship in Santa Monica. I won the first prize of $300. However, on the way to the tournament I was ticketed for "standing on the street" (an euphemism for hitchhiking). I did not pay the fine.

In January, 1964, I was arrested by the Berkeley police. I spent one week in jail, during which time I was transported to the Santa Monica Municipal Court to stand trial on the "standing on the street" charge.

I took with me a copy of Shakhmaty v USSR, which I read constantly during my one week in jail. It had an article about the Old Indian Defense. Here are two of the lines which I remember from that article:

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 e5 4. Nf3 e4 5. Ng5 Bf5 6. Qc2 h6 7. Nge4 Ne4 8. Ne4 Qh4 9. Nd6 Bd6 10. Qf5 Bb4 11. Bd2 Bd2 12. Kd2 Qd4 =.



1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 e5 4. Nf3 e4 5. Ng5 Bf5 6. Qc2 c6 7. Nge4 Ne4 8. Ne4 d5 9. Nd6 Bd6 10. Qf5 Bb4 =.

After my release from jail, I hitchhiked from Santa Monica to Berkeley, and there I announced that I had read up on the latest Russian analysis during my time in jail. Everybody became terrified of me! The biggest chess event on campus at that time was the "Game Room Invitational," played in what was then the Game Room in the ASUC Student Union on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley. (It is now a bookstore.) The climactic match of that event was my game with Ed Bogas. All of the active players on the Berkeley campus at that time gathered to watch the big showdown. The game went as follows:

White: Ed Bogas
Black: Sam Sloan
UC Berkeley, February 1964
Old Indian Defense [A54]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 e5 4. Nf3 e4 5. Ng5 Bf5 6. g3 c6 7. Nh3 d5 8. Bg5 Qb6 9. cd5 cd5 10. Bf6 Qb2 11. Nd5 Bb4 12. Nb4 Qc3 13. Qd2 Qa1 0-1

When he resigned, Ed Bogas rose and left the Game Room without saying a word to anyone in the assembled crowd. He quit chess and never played another game for a quarter of a century (in recent years, he has started playing again, at the 2100 level).

This still ranks as the second-most-memorable game in my life and one of the few games I can still remember without writing down the score. (It is amazing that I can still remember this game of many years ago, whereas now I cannot remember what I played yesterday.)

However, the most memorable game I ever played was the first rated tournament game I ever won, when I was eleven years old. That was at the 1956 North Carolina Open, which was won by Kit Crittenden. The game went as follows:

White: Sam Sloan
Black: Cox
North Carolina Open, Wilmington, 1956
Three Knights [C46]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 Qf6 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. d3 d6 6. Bg5 Qg6 7. Bh4 Qg2 8. Ng5 Qh1 9. Kd2 Qh2! 10. Bf7 Kd8 11. Ne6 Kd7 12. Nf8 1-0 mate.

You may laugh at this ridiculous game, but I have always felt that it best epitomizes the playing style which I still have today!

Sam Sloan is a colorful character from local chess history. Raised in Virginia by a psychiatrist mother, he was a student at Berkeley in the 60s, a securities trader who made and lost a couple of fortunes on Wall Street in the 70s (winning, along the way, a case he argued as his own attorney in the U.S. Supreme Court, Sloan v. SEC*), and in the 80s he moved to an oil sheikdom in the Middle East and took five wives, changing his name to Ismail Sloan and writing books on a number of subjects, including chess and oriental games. He was recently sentenced to five years in prison in Virginia for attempting to kidnap one of his own children in a custody dispute.*

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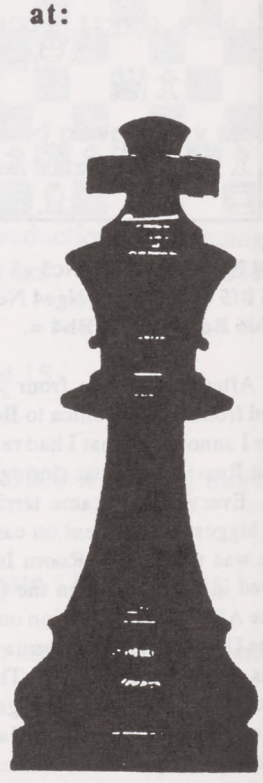
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Readers' Games

by NMs Mike Arné and Peter Yu

As reported in the last *CCJ*, and earlier this issue, **NM Mike Spane** has been organizing a se-Master-only Swisses at the Chess Academy of Palo Alto (CAPA), 560 Oxford Street. The first of these drew sixteen masters with an average rating over 2350. The tournament resulted in a 4-way tie between **NMs Mike Arné, Jim McCormick, Renard Anderson**, and **Emmanuel Perez** at 3-1.

White: NM Mike Arné (2252)
Black: NM Jim McCormick (2293)
CAPA Masters I, Rd. 4
Grunfeld Defense [D85]
Annotated by NM Mike Arné

1. Nf3 c5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cd5 Nd5 5. d4 Nc3 6. bc3 g6 7. e4 Bg7 8. Be3 0-0 9. Qd2 cd4 10. cd4 Nc6 11. Rc1 Bg4 12. d5

White has not played the opening accurately and now is forced to yield the e5 square to Black's Knight.

12...Bf3 13. gf3 Ne5 14. Be2 Rc8?!

Here Black could have gotten the advantage with 14...Qd7! threatening ...Qh3 and ...Qa4.

15. 0-0 Qd7 16. Kg2

Stopping 16...Qh3. Now 16...Qa4? fails tactically.

16...Qa4? 17. Rc8! Rc8 18. Rc1 Rc1 19. Qc1 h5

The double exchange of Rooks was forced because White cannot be allowed to control the c-file. The a-pawn is immune due to the weakness of Black's back rank, e.g. 19...Qa2, 20. Qc8 Bf8 21. Bh6 Nd7 22. Bb5 winning.

20. Qc8+ Kh7 21. Qb7 Qa2 22. Ba6! Qc2 23. Qb5 Qc7 24. Qc5?

The key moment of the game. I had originally intended to play h3 and f4 kicking the Knight, but was tempted by the seemingly dominant position of the Queen on c5. 24. Qc5? allows Black to activate his Queen and to maintain his Knight on e5. After this Black always seems to have enough counterplay to hold. But Black would virtually be in zugzwang on 24. h3! f6 (24...Nd7 25. Qc6 +-) 25. f4 Nf7 26. Qc5 Qd7 27. Qa7 Qa4 28. Qe7 +-.

Better is 24...Bh6 setting a trap: 25. f4? Nd7 26. Qc6 Bf4 27. Bf4 Qf4 28. Qd7 Qe4 with excellent chances for a draw by perpetual check.

But White can force the win with: 24. h3! Bh6 25. Qc5 Qd7 (25...Qb8 26. f4 Nd7 27. Qe7 +-) 26. Bh6 Kh6 27. f4 Ng4! 28. Bc8! (not 28. hg4? Qg4 with a perpetual).

24...Qd7 25. Qa7 Qa4 26. Be2 Qc2 27. Qa6 f5!

Now Black's pieces get really active.

28. ef5 Qf5! 29. h3 Qc2 30. Bg5 Qc5 31. Qe6 Qc2 32. Ba6

A last try to win. 32. f4 Qe2 33. fe5 Qe4 is perpetual check.

32... Qd1 33. Be7 Qf3 34. Kg1 Qd1 35. Bf1 Nf3 36. Kg2 Ne1!

Not 36...Nd2? 37. Be2! +-.

37. Kg1 Nf3 38. Kg2 Ne1 39. Kg1 1/2-1/2

As is typical of games at this time control there were a number of mistakes but the game was extremely hard fought.

Here is a game submitted by longtime *CCJ* supporter Ursula Foster. Like GM Pal Benko, Ursula gives up a pawn for pressure along open files.

White: Ursula Foster (1716)
Black: William Hines (1603)
1992 American Open
Giuoco Piano [C55]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6

Whenever Black plays ...Nf6 instead of the more accurate ...Bc5, White should not pass up an opportunity to play 4. Ng5. For example, 4. Ng5 d5 5. ed5 Nd5 6. Nf7!? Kf7 7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Nb4 9. Qe4 (9. a3 is also good, but why take unecessary risks?). Black has a difficult game after 9...c6 10. a3 Na6 11. Nd5 cd5 12. Qd5 Kd7 13. Ba6 +-. The text leads to a Two-Knights' Defense.

4. d3 Be7 5. Nc3 0-0 6. 0-0 d6

One would think White has a slight edge due to his King Bishop's placement in an otherwise symmetrical position.

7. h3 Be6 8. Bb3 Qc8 9. Be6 fe6?!

This shows indecision by both players. White could have saved a whole move with 8. Be6 if she had reached the decision to exchange earlier. Likewise, Black also wasted 8...Qc8 by not retaking with his Queen. The doubled e-pawns now block in Black's mistress.

10. Be3?! d5 11. Bd2

Again, White has wasted a move with her Bishop. Although Black's center looks formidable, he cannot afford to initiate an exchange on e4 because of his remaining doubled isolani.

11...a6 12. a3 h6

These passive moves only mean that the first player to come up with a plan will probably win. Ursula seizes the opportunity and embarks on her mission.

13. Qc1! Kh7 14. g4?! Ng4!

Black wins a pawn, stalling White's overly agressive intentions. But watch how White makes good use of her "sacrifice" as she turns a deficit into an asset.

15. hg4 Rf3 16. Kg2 Qf8 17. Qd1 Nd4 18. Be3 Rf7

Black is unable to maintain Rf3 and retreats. Little does he realize just how quickly White's attack will blossom.

19. f4! de4?!

Bad because it allows another White piece to join the kingside. But even the solid 19...c5 allows 20. f5! intending fe6 and Nd5 winning back the pawn.

20. Ne4 Nc6 21. Qd2 ef4 22. Bf4 e5

Black has defended agressively and remains up a pawn with a decent position. But White refuses to quit and continues to make good moves.

23. Bg3 Qg8?!

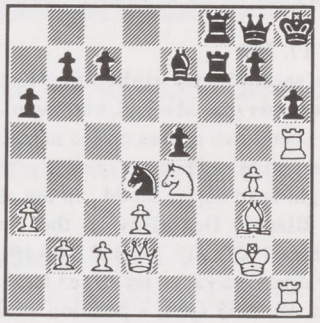
Preparing to double Rooks. A nice idea, but potentially fatal as it traps Black's monarch on the half-open h-file.

24. Rh1 Raf8 25. Rh5 Nd4?

Although Black's e-pawn is lost, he should of made White exchange a pair of minor pieces to soften her attack. After 25...Rf3 26. Be5 Ne5 27. Re5 Qf7 and ...Kg8, the position is even.

26. Rah1 Kh8

This retreat eliminates a potential win of an exchange by White with Ng5. However, this is too little too late.



27. Be5 Bf6 28. Nf6 Rf6 29. Rh6 gh6 30. Qh6 Qh7 31. Qh7 1-0

White could afford to be pretty with 31. Qf8 mate, but a true lady prefers not to offend her opponent.

More Good Wins From 4th Goodwin

by Frisco Del Rosario

Last issue we reported that Expert **Allen Ong** of Millbrae scored 5.5–1.5 to win the Fourth Goodwin Open held September 24–October 29 in Burlingame. Here are some more annotated games from what has become Burlingame Chess Club's best event.

White: Scott Hafer (1680)
Black: Ed Palmieri (1940)
Sicilian Defense [B89]
Annotated by Frisco Del Rosario

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bc4 a6 7. Be3 Qc7 8. Qe2 e6 9. 0-0-0

In the right hands, this Velimirovic Attack is like a Molotov cocktail.

9...Bd7 10. f3 Be7 11. g4 Ne5

Black can't secure his Knight, and White improves his game markedly by chasing the horse around, starting with a pawn sacrifice (intentional or not).

12. Bb3 h6

Preparing ...g5 which secures Black's e5 post. But since White is developed economically as well as aggressively, and he can probably overrun Black with the logical 13. h4 and 14. g5.

13. f4 Neg4 14. Bd2 h5

14...e5, hoping for 15. fe5 Ne5, isn't good because of 15. Nf5 Bf5 16. ef5, when the e-file and a2–g8 diagonal have opened for White and Black still seeks shelter for his Knight.

15. h3 Nh6 16. Rhg1

White's last piece is developed with a threat while Black's Rooks sit on their original squares and the once-proud Knight is banished to h6. It is also a target — most obviously on 16...0-0 17. f5, winning a pawn.

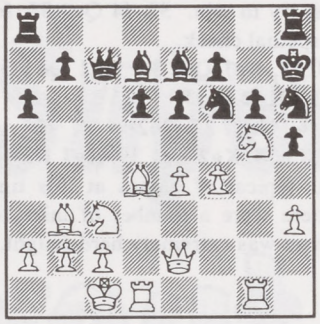
16...g6 17. Nf3

Hafer could be right—the Knight could be better placed on g5, but I wouldn't want to spend two moves on the maneuver and find out it's wrong, especially when the Knight is so happy on d4. In the alternative, Black's flexibility in the center shows after 17. f5 gf5 18. Bh6 Rh6 19. ef5 e5. For cosmetic value, try 17. e5 Nfg8 18. ed6 Bd6 19. Nd5 Qd8, a position straight out of IM Minev's column in Inside Chess, where he often shows the potential for combinations in positions where six or seven pieces are stacked on the same file. 20. Bc3 is a start, and it appears that placing the Bishop on this diagonal is what Hafer had in mind when he played 17. Nf3.

17...Kf8 18. Be3 Kg7?

"Castling into it by hand."

19. Bd4 Kh7 20. Ng5



20...Kg7 21. e5!

White has a reason to occupy e5.

21...de5 22. Be5 Qc8 23. Qh5!

If e5 were not occupied, Black could play ...e5 now. Now White threatens 24. Nf7, winning. Of course, 23...gh5 leads to 24. Ne6! Kh7 25. Rg7 mate.

23...Nf5 24. Qe2 Kg8 25. Nce4 Ne4 26. Nf7?

White should keep his Queen and black-squared Bishop tandem by 26. Bh8 Nfg3 27. Rg3 Ng3 28. Qe5 Nf5 29. Ne4!, threatening to deflect Black's Knight with Ng3 or force the enemy black-squared Bishop off the board with Nf6.

26...Neg3 27. Rg3 Ng3 28. Qd3 Kf7 29. Bh8 Qh8 30. Qd7 Qf6 31. Qc7 Ne2 32. Kb1 Nd4 33. Qb7 Rd8 34. Qa6 Nb3 35. Rd8 Bd8 36. ab3 Qf4 37. Qb7 Be7 38. Ka2 Qd6 39. c4 e5 40. Qe4 Qd4 41. Qd4 ed4 42. Kb1 Kf6 43. Kc2 Ke5 44. Kd3 Bc5 45. h4 Kf4 46. b4 0-1 (time).

White: Allen Ong (2099)
Black: John Hodges (Unr.)
French Defense [C00]
Annotated by Frisco Del Rosario

1.e4 e6 2.d3

A modest way to meet the French. White guards his e-pawn simply, planning to develop in King's Indian fashion and expanding later on the kingside. He should play Nd2 soon, to further guard the e-pawn.

2...Nf6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 d5

If White had been paying attention and played Nd2 at some point, he could maintain his pawn with Qe2. Instead, he has an undesirable decision: exchange the e-pawn, easing Black's game, or push it, contrary to his opening plan. There is a trap he could set for his unrated opponent: 6. Nbd2 de4 7. de4 Ne4 8. Ne5!? Nd6 (worse is 8...Nc5 9. Nf7!) 9. Bb7 Nb7 10. Qf3, but at Black's eighth turn, he should play 8...Nc3! 9. Qh5 g6 with an edge for Black (Kobas–Dizdar, Zenica 1985).

6. e5 Nfd7 7. 0-0 c5

Black has a good position—his d5/c5 pawn duo is full of potential and controls more space than the lonely White button on e5. Black can also look forward to attacking that e5-pawn.

8. Re1 Nc6 9. Bf4 d4

A tough move to evaluate. On one hand, Black has gained more space and made it most difficult for White to push his d-pawn to support the e-pawn. On the other, he has spoiled his handsome pawn center and White can use c4 and e4 as a springboard for his Knights.

10. Nbd2 g6

Wrong for three reasons: 1) castling is delayed for another move; 2) creates too many holes in his position; and 3) Black can't bring enough pressure to bear on the e-pawn with pieces alone, so ...f6 will be needed at some point, but because of ...g6 Black's kingside will be further weakened.

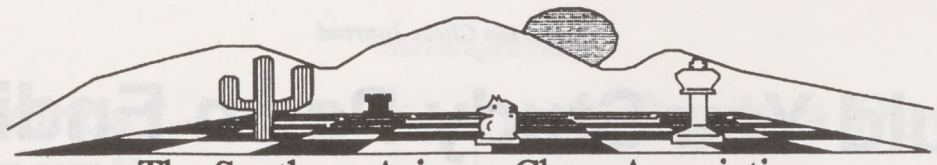
11. h4 Bg7 12. Nc4 Qc7?

Black's game is far from hopeless after 12...0-0. Remember that old quote about "a Knight on d6 is like a bone in the throat?" I wanted to use it here, but I can't find it in my library, so I can't attribute it. Maybe it's one of those mythical lines that everyone repeats, but has no real history.

13. Nd6 Kf8 14. Ng5

Black has a number of unsavory moves now. 14...Nd8 15. Ndf7 Nf7 16. Ne6; or 14...Rg8 (weird) 15. Nh7 Ke7 16. Nb7! Qb7 17. Bg5 f6 18. ef6 Nf6 19. Nf6 Bf6 20. Bf6 Kf6 21. Qf3; and 14...h6 (maybe best) 15. Ngf7 Rh7 16. Nb7 and whichever Knight Black captures, the survivor plays to d6 and 18. Qf3 follows.

14...Nde5 15. Ndf7 Qd7 16. Ne5 Ne5 17. Bb7 Qb7 18. Be5 Be5 19. Re5 Kg7 20. Ne6 Kf6 21. Qe2 Rhe8 22. Re1 Qe7 23. Qf3 1-0



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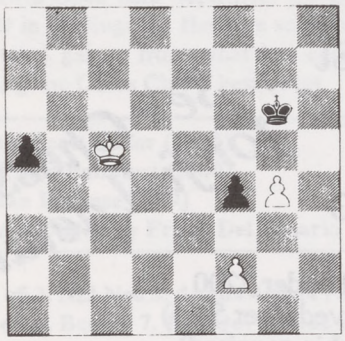
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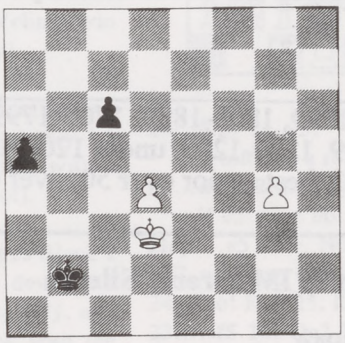
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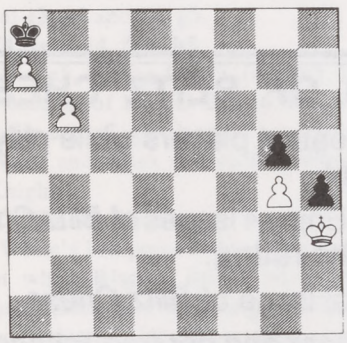
Should You Study Pawn Endings?

by Val Zemitis

If you can assess these three positions correctly, you do not need concern yourself with pawn endings that transpose into Queen endings to improve your endgame technique.







On the other hand, if you had difficulty seeing the intricate maneuvers and possibilities hidden in these seemingly simple examples, do not despair! There is now a new book - Wege Zur Endspielstudie - that is available to you and other chess enthusiasts who wish to improve pawn endgame technique. The book was written by a pawn endgamer composer Th.C.L. Kok and is available for $18.00 from the publisher Verlag H.-W. Fink, Trierer Strasse 73, D-5400 Kolbenz, Germany or other chess book outlets.

There is an interesting story behind this book and the author Theodorus Cornelius Louis Kok. Born on November 23, 1906 in 's-Gravenhage, The Netherlands, he was active as an endgame composer and journalist before World War II. He had prepared a manuscript regarding pawn endings for the Dutch magazine *De Schaakwereld* more than fifty years ago, but the conditions during the German occupation of Holland precluded his article from being published. His hand-written manuscript entitled Pieonneneindspelen, consisting of eight notebooks, was put in a safe and forgotten for many years. Mr. Kok wrote the preface to this remarkable book in 1941!

The first part of Mr. Kok's book is devoted exclusively to pawn endings that convert to Queen endings, a very important and often neglected aspect of pawn ending theory. This part has 171 very interesting and informative positions, of which Mr. Kok contributed 48 original compositions. The second part of the book features 80 exciting examples of compositions in which Black's Queen is in zugzwang. The book has 174 pages and is in hard cover. Highly recommended!

Of course there are several interesting, good and not very expensive books that are devoted exclusively to general pawn endgame theory you could choose from; however, these books do not cover one very important aspect of pawn endings, namely, pawn endings that convert to Queen endings. In practically all pawn endgame books the analyses end after one side has queened. If you want genuinely to learn more and know more about pawn endings, you should acquire Mr. Kok's book, even though it is written in German. While the explanations are interesting, they do not materially contribute to the usefulness of this book. What counts are solutions given in algebraic notation.

...In practically all pawn endgame books the analyses end after one side has queened.

If you wish to master only the rudiments of pawn endings then the book by A. Cvetkov (ELO 2410), entitled appropriately Pawn Endings, (Chess Enterprises, Inc. 107 Crosstree Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108), should be your choice. In this book, Cvetkov uses 121 positions to explain (a) static pawn formations where the maneuvers of Kings decide the outcome of the game (vertical, horizontal, and distant opposition; theory of corresponding squares), (b) fluid or movable pawn formations where the idea of how to arrange breaking through a pawn barrier is at the heart of the position, and, (c) most important, how to analyze pawn endings. This book does not cover, as already stated, all aspects of pawn endings such as pawn endings that convert to Queen endings. The latter theme is covered well only in the newly-published book by Kok, Wege Zur Enspielstudie, *supra.*

In addition to the two books noted above, your chess library should include these books devoted exclusively to the theory of endgames:

1. 600 Endings by L. Portisch (ELO 2630) (I have only a Russian edition) that features pawn endgame theory and praxis in 120 well-chosen examples.
2. Bauernendspiele by Lothar Nikolaiczuk (ELO 2275)

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(Breyer Verlag, Germany) tries to accommodate all of the basic aspects of pawn endings in 126 positions.

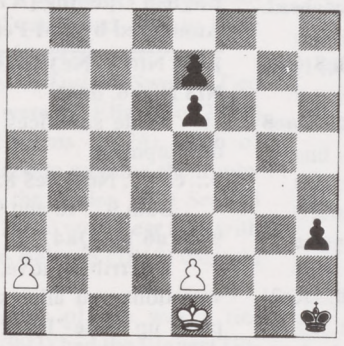
3. GM Reuben Fine (ELO 2660), in his monumental work Basic Chess Endings, devotes 74 pages out of 571 to pawn endings. He uses 92 positions to explain the theory and practice of pawn endings. Fine's book is a classic; however, since its first publication in 1941, many new discoveries have been made and therefore I suggest you use Fine's book in addition to other books mentioned in this article.

4. Johann Berger's (ELO 2495) work Theorie Und Praxis Der Endspiele, first published in 1922, is another classic. In this work Berger devotes 55 pages and illustrates the theory and praxis of pawn endings with 77 well-selected examples.

5. The most elaborate book on general pawn ending theory is Y. Averbakh's (ELO 2615) Peshechnie Okonchaneja. He illustrates the theory and practice of pawn endings in 761 examples covered in 290 pages; however, his treatment of pawn endings that convert to Queen endings is not as elaborate and elegant as that of Mr. Kok's.

You should know and understand that there is considerable duplication between and among many of these books, except that of Mr. Kok's. Many of the illustrative examples used in the mentioned books avail of endgame studies by Duras, Betins (Behting), Salvioli, Horwitz, Troitzky, Berger, Grigoriev, Maroczy, Reti, Rink, Mattisons, Fine, Keres and other endgame composers to illustrate the basic ideas of pawn endings. The reason why endgame studies are being used to illustrate the intricacies of pawn endings is that instruction must be systematic and not all of the basic ideas of pawn endings come from practical play. However, most of the studies resemble positions taken from practical play and only enhance the basic pawn ending theory.

You should realize that because of the restricted material on the board, pawn endings appear to be easy, but the truth is that such positions often conceal subtle moves and contain a wealth of hidden ideas that you will not be familiar with. Also, as you certainly must have found out by bitter experience, is that you must calculate correctly everything as the outset, because the outcome of most pawn endings hinges on a single tempo. Here are three studies which you will enjoy solving, illustrate the beauty and difficulty of pawn endings, and maybe will convince you to acquire some of the books mentioned in this article.



Push a Pawn, Go to Jail

In one of the strangest legal contests of the year, a man was arrested for playing chess in his local library. Louis Taylor, of New Rochelle, NY will stand trial at New Rochelle Court of Justice in March. The case is unique in the annals of jurisprudence.

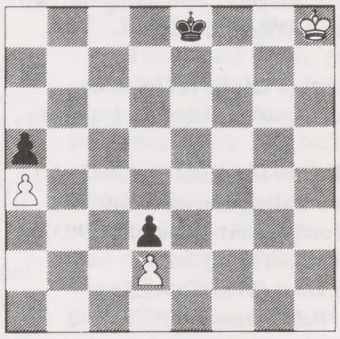
Taylor was arrested by police in the New Rochelle Public Library in September 1992, for the offense of trespass. Library Director Patricia Anderson claims that Taylor ignored a clearly-stated library policy forbidding the playing of cards or board games. When asked by library officials to leave, Taylor refused.

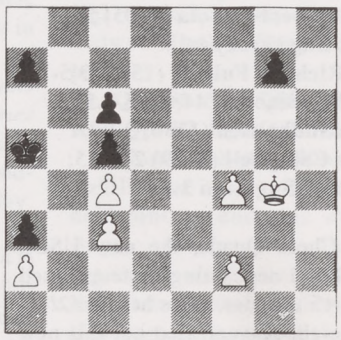
According to the official complaint, Taylor "did knowingly enter and remain on premises after being told that he could not play chess...The defendant refused to stop playing chess and refused to leave." The offense, a violation, carries a maximum penalty of $500 and 15 days in jail if Taylor is convicted.

The defendant claims that by definition he was not "playing" chess at the time of the arrest. Rather, he states he was alone reading a chess book with the aid of a chess set. Such chess books require the reader to follow the text with a chess set, just as certain math books demand the use of a calculator or paper and pencil.

Taylor notes that "the case is an injustice against someone who is trying to improve his mind with chess." He adds that he was not disturbing anyone, and that most other libraries openly welcome chessplayers.

Mr. Taylor will be represented *pro bono* by attorney Carl Adamec, an Expert chessplayer. According to Adamec, "It is strange that the library has permitted Walkmen radios and headsets, but is claiming to forbid the use of a chess set to read a chess book."





Around the State

BERKELEY QUADS

The dynamic duo **Alan Tse** and **Don Shennum** directed the most recent monthly quads held at the Student Union. Thirty-eight players came out, including three groups of junior players. Fresh from his Lowell Sectionals victory the week before, **NM Russell Wong** (2213) continued his streak, winning the first quad with 2.5 points. In the second quad, **Hanz Mattes** (1880 German rating) made his American debut by winning with 2.5. **Mike Link** (1877) and **Steve Gaffagan** (1801) tied for first in the third quad. In Quad IV, **Eric Cota** (1786) and **Vinay Bhat** (1667) also tied for first place. **Joe Fitzpatrick** (1622) was the first player to have a perfect score, winning the fifth quad. The last group was a mini-Swiss with six players where **Ulf Jensen** (1359) won all of his games to take first.

It appeared to be "no draws allowed" in the Junior Quads as all of the winners won with perfect scores! **Anton Parker** (1193), **Nick Egide** (1061) and **Erik Egide** (Unr.) were the respective winners of the their quads.

BURLINGAME CLUB

The McIlrath Memorial was held from 1/7/93-2/4/93. The tournament, named in honor of former member Jim McIlrath drew fifty-six players, competing in two sections. **Scott Wilson** directed.

Section I

1st Overall: **Steve Olujic** (1868) 5-0;
2nd: **Modest Lyasko** (Unr.) 4-1 (on tie-breaks);
1st Expert: **Frisco Del Rosario** (2045) 4-1;
1st A: **Romeo Balingcongan** (1840) 4-1
2nd-3rd A: **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1903) 3-2 and **Elie Khano** (1834) 3-2;
1st B: **Colin Hurt** (1754) 3.5-1.5;
2nd-3rd B: **Bill Hepner** (1692) 3-2 and **Cecilio Draculan** (1655) 3-2;

Section II

1st Overall: **Robert Yakota** (1605) 5-0;
1st C: **Buck Eng** (1562) 4-1;
2nd-3rd C: **Richard Fulmer** (1583) 3.5-1.5 and **Manuel Ascencio** (1443) 3.5-1.5;
1st D: **Eron Sudhausen** (1330) 3-2;
1st E: **Chris Campbell** (1179) 2.5-2.5;
1st Unr.: **Romy Suguitan** 3-2;

Quick Chess Quads, the new USCF time control and new rating system, based on Game in 15 minutes, were held on 2/11/93. Thirty-eight players tried out this new format. The winners' scores ranged from the one perfect performance by **Steve Olujic** (this followed a perfect score in the McIlrath Memorial that just finished the week before—Olujic won 11 rated games in a row—what a streak!) to Tournament Director **Scott Wilson's** 3.5-2.5 result which tied with others in his quad. On a playoff match Wilson triumphed to win the first place prize. The winners of all of the quads were as follows:

A: **Tom Dorsch** (2198) 4.5-1.5;
B: **Guy Batraski** (2091) 4-2;
C: **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1903) 5-1;
D: **Steve Olujic** (1868) 6-0;
E: **Vladimir Caruz** (1772) 4-2;
F: **Scott Wilson** (1719) 3.5-2.5;
G: **Mike Ketchum** (1697) 4-2;
H: **Milinko Brekalo** (Unr.) 4-2;
I: **Eron Sudhausen** (1330) 5.5-0.5;
J: **Gerry Manis** (Unr.) 4-2;

White: Guy Batraski (2106)
Black: Frisco Del Rosario (2040)
Queen's Gambit Accepted [D20]
Annotated by Frisco Del Rosario

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1. d4 d5 2. c4 dc4 3. e4 e5 4. d5

The usual 4. Nf3 ed4 4. Bc4 is fine.

4...Nf6 5. Bg5

A violation of the "Knights before Bishops" rule which allows Black to keep the gambit pawn. Six weeks later at the People's Tournament, NM Russell Wong improved with 5. Nc3, when Black's natural 5...Bb4 loses to 6. Qa4.

5...Bb4 6. Nc3 b5 7. a4 c6 8. Nf3 0-0 9. Be2

9. Ne5 fails now, as later, to 9...Re8 10. f4 Qb6!

9...Bb7

Preparing to secure the extra pawn with 10...a6. White panics.

10. ab5 cb5 11. Ne5 Re8 12. f4 Qb6! 13. Bf6 gf6 14. Nf7

14. Nf3 Re4 also leaves Black far ahead.

14...Re4

14...Kf7 15. Bh5 Kf8 16. Be8 Qe3 leads nowhere.

15. Nh6 Kh8 16. d6 Nd7 17. Qc2 Rae8 18. 0-0-0

A piece was lost anyway.

18...Bc3 19. Bf3 Bb4 20. Nf5

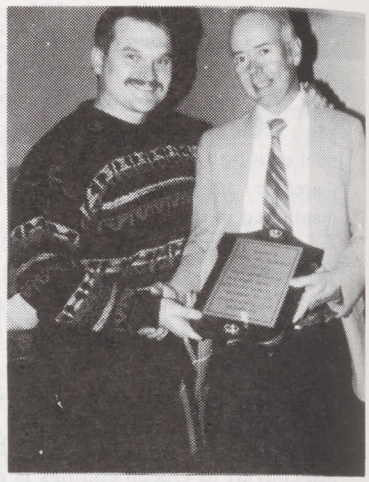
20. Be4 Be4 21. Qe2 Qa5.

20...R4e6?

The most efficient finish is 20...Re2! 21. Qb1 (21. Be2 Be4) c3.

21. Rhf1 Bf3 22. Rf3 Re2 23. Qb1 c3 24. bc3 Ba3 0-1

FRESNO CLUB



Outgoing President Dave Quarvé receives a plaque from Fresno Club President Dennis Wajckus for many years of outstanding service

Dr. Timothy Roth (2273) and Louis **Spate** (1293) both finished first in their respective quads held on Monday February 22, 1993. **Dennis Wajckus** directed.

LOWELL H.S. SECTIONALS

Peter Dahl directed the January 23 tournament. **NM Russell Wong** (2247) won the first section with a perfect score. Tied for second place were **NM Peter Yu** (2337) and **Mark Gagnon** (2138). In Section B **Michael Karbushev** (1666/6) won clear first with a perfect score. **Dmitry Karshtedt** (1759), **Richard McCullough** (1721) and **Andrew Milburn** (1323/17) shared second scoring 2-1 each. Below is the game that decided Section A:

White: NM Peter Yu (2337)
Black: NM Russell Wong (2247)
English Opening [A19]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu & Peter Dahl

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1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 c5 4. e5 Ng8 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. d4!?

White sacrifices a pawn for superior development.

6...cd4 7. Nd4 Ne5 8. Bf4 d6?!

Both 9... f6 and 9...Ng6 are better.

9. c5 a6 10. Qa4?

A terrible move, White is confusing variations and allows Black to solidify a pawn up. The "Book" 10. Nb3 is correct, and would have won the d-pawn back with a better game. Between two Masters, this early misstep should give Black a winning

game.

10...Bd7 11. Qb3 Nc6 12. Nc6 Bc6 13. 0-0-0 d5 14. Ne4 Nf6 15. Bg5

15. Nd6 Bd6 16. Bd6 fails to 16...Ne4. Bereft of opportunity, White desparately clings on to his c5 wedge.

15...Be7 16. Nf6 Bf6 17. Be3 0-0 18. Bd3

Hoping for a small miracle on the Kingside. Be2-Bf3 may be more sensible.

18...Qa5 19. Bb1

19. Kb1?! Qa5 forces a Queen exchange.

19...Rfc8 20. Qc2

After 20. Qd3 g6 White has no constructive moves against ...Qb5.

20...g6 21. Rd3

21. h4 is more consistent.

21...d4! 22. Bd4?

22. Bd2 is the last chance. White overlooks the simple ...Bg2.

22...Bd4 23. Rd4 Bg2 24. Rhd1 Rc5 25. Rc4 Rac8 26. b3 Bd5 27. Kb2 Bc4 28. bc4 Rc4 0-1

Excellent defense in the opening on Black's part!

Peter Dahl sent in the following results from the February 27 Sectionals:

Section I: - 1st
James Waide (2006) 3-0
2nd-4th: **Paul Gallegos** (2200) 2-1
Mark Gagnon (2147)
Gilbert Chambers (1800)

Section II - 1st-2nd:
Dmitry Karshtedt (1759) 2.5-0.5
Michael Karbushev (1666)

Section III - 1st-2nd:
Sergey Kizshnev (Unr.) 2.5-0.5
Vitaly Rutus (Unr.)

MODESTO CLUB

The latest "Thursday Knight Fights 1993" was presented by Knightlife Chess Tournaments with Club President **Joseph de Leon** presiding as referee at "ringside"!! The five-round open tournament was held from 1/7/93 to 2/4/93, one round each consecutive Thursday. The nationally-rated "fight" attracted twenty-three entries, including four Experts!

The Winners: A Turlock Sweep! Tied for first with 4-1 were **Ed Elizondo** (2077) and **Kevin P. Storms** (1724), both of Turlock, with Elizondo winning the trophy on tiebreaks. In the Under 1600 Section **Mark E. Davis** (1556) won clear first with 3.5-1.5. **Lorenzo Beltran** (1069) came in second with 3-2.

The Best Game plaque was a tie! **Matthew Smith** (993) had the Biggest Upset and **Mauricio Melendez** (1470) had the most brilliant game, so they both were awarded a unique "de Leon" scoresheet plaque. The games are listed below.

White: Mauricio Melendez (1470)
Black: Ursula Foster (1702)
Trompovsky Attack [A45]
Best Game Winner

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1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 e6 3. e4 Be7 4. Bf6 Bf6 5. e5 Be7 6. Qg4 0-0 7. Bd3 g6 8. a3 c5 9. Nf3 Nc6 10. Nc3 a6 11. 0-0-0 b5 12. h4 cd4 13. Ne4 Ne5 14. Ne5 f5 15. Qg3 fe4 16. Be4 d5 17. Ng6! Bg5 18. hg5 hg6 19. Qh4 Ra7 20. Qh8 Kf7 21. Rh7 Ke8 22. Bg6 Raf7 23. Bf7 Kd7 24. Qe5 Kc6 25. Rd4 Kb6 26. g6 Qe7 27. Rf4 Bd7 28. Rf6 Ka5?? 29. Qc7!! Ka4 30. b3 1-0

White: Matthew Smith (993)
Black: Michael J. Pittman (1467)
Two Knights Defense [C50]
Best Game Winner

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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Na5 4. Bb5 Nf6 5. 0-0 Ne4 6. Ne5 c6 7. Qe2 f5 8. d3 Qe7 9. de4 Qe5 10. Nc3 cb5 11. Nb5 a6 12. Rb1 ab5 13. Bg5 h6 14. Qh5 1-0

VISALIA CLUB

The "Visalia Wild Weasel" quick tournament held on January 27 attracted ten players in a quad and Swiss section. Winners of the quad were **Allan Fifield** and **John Cobbs**, both scoring 2.5-0.5. **Al Correale** won the Swiss section with 2.5. **Lewis Martinez** directed the tournament.

WALNUT CREEK QUADS

Dr. Pascal Baudry directed the third Theatre Caffe Quads. The top quad consisted of **GM Stefan Djuric** (ELO 2535) and three NMs Luis Busquets, Jim MacFarland, and Tom Dorsch. Djuric swept the section with a perfect 3-0. **Clarence Lehman** (2103) won the second quad with a score of 2.5-0-.5. In the third quad, **Sean Fitzpatrick** (2100) was undefeated. Tied for first in Quad IV were **Eric Cota** (1721) and **Ursula Foster** (1702), each scoring 2-1. **Glenn Avila** (1400) won the fifth quad with 2.5 points. **Alex Gacic** (1400) and **Eric Bass** (1300) tied for first in the sixth quad.

On January 10, 1993 nineteen players and a reporter from *Contra Costa Times* turned out for the 4th edition of the Theatre Caffe Quads. It was a good turnout considering the football playoffs that Sunday. **Eric Baudry** directed.

Quad I: **Dr. Pascal Baudry** (2147) 2.5; Quad II: **Richard Hofheimer** (1990) 2.5; Quad III: **Kevin Gong** (1786) 3; Quad IV: **Ursula Foster** (1702) and **James Clark** (1363) 2.5-0.5 in a 9-player Swiss.

CAPA Masters —

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13. Ng5 b5 14. Rc1!?

White hopes to gain some play by complicating matters.

14...Rfc8 15. Ne6 Qe6 16. cb5 cb5 17. Ne3 a4?!

This is weak because it allows White to penetrate. Better would have been 17...b4 relieving the attack on a5.

18. Qb4 Rc1 19. Rc1 ab3 20. ab3 Rb8

Doomed to passive defense, Black must try to squirm out of a bad game.

21. g4 h6 22. Nf5 Kh7

Forced as White threatened 23. Rc6 Qe8 (Qc6?? 24. Ne7) 24. Ne7 Kh8 25. Nd5 +-.

23. Ne7 Rb6!

An excellent defensive manuever preventing 24. Rc6 and preparing to exchange on the c-file. Black now begins to scare White's divorced Knight.

24. Rc7!?

With few attacking moves left to choose from, White instinctively invades Black's nest, hoping that something good will happen.

24...g6 25. Nc8

Forced moves are always best!

25...Rc6? 26. Rc6 Qc6 27. Nd6

Incredibly, White has won a pawn with all of his maneuvering. Black must now choose the right one to defend, and does.

27...Kg7 28. Nb5 Qc1 29. Kh2?

White never really gets to enjoy his one point advantage, as he now reciprocates Black's earlier generosity. Best was 29. Bf1, after which 29...Nc5 won't quite be enough to regain Black's pawn.

29...Qc2 30. Bf3 e4

Originally, White intended to play 31. Nd4 but overlooked the simple 31...Qc7 winning the Bishop. Now White must find the best way to return his extra pawn without any interest.

31. de4 de4 32. Bg2 Qe2 33. Nc3!

Defending f2 with either 33. Kg3 or Kg1 would have wasted valuable time and allowed Black to keep his aggressive e4 pawn.

33. Qf2 34. Ne4 Qf4+ 35. Kg1 Qe3 36. Kh2 Qf4 37. Kg1 Qe3 1/2-1/2

Unsure whether White's b-pawn is a liability or target, Black settles for a halfpoint to end this evenly matched stuggle. Playing on would have meant being down a "minorexchange" (Black's Knight for White's Bishop) in an endgame that spans both sides of the board.

Editor's Message

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April ushers in Bill Goichberg's first spectacular of the year, a megabucks East-coast style tournament at the Concord Hilton, site of the 1995 U. S. Open (April 9-11). These events always offer big prizes with big grand prix points, and attract the money players. The end of the month, April 30-May 2, marks the first annual Far West Open at the Flamingo Hilton in Reno, Nevada, another great tournament from Jerome Weikel, who presents the Sands Regency Western States Open in October of each year. Weikel has mastered the recipe for successful tournaments: make sure the players have a great time, and don't try to milk them for every dime. To make it happen, he augments the prize fund ($33 thousand!) with corporate contributions and plows all of his own profits back into the prize fund. The result is a very memorable event, that offers maximum value to the penny-wise player. Compare the "Weikel" touch with other organizers, and see who gives you, the player, the most bang for your buck!

Another big event to look for in the next few months is the 1993 U.S. Junior Open, June 25-27, the first of three national events coming to Northern California in the next three years (1994-National Elementary, 1995-U.S. Open). Organizer Alan Tse beat out three other prime locations for this event, and his anticipated draw of 200-300 of America's best young players will set a record for this event. Down the road, chess returns to Sacramento in July, the U.S. Open is in Chicago in August, our Labor Day Chess Festival and State Open Championship will be held again at the Villa Quality Hotel in San Mateo on Labor Day Weekend, and there are many, many, more chances to play coming up. Keep your eye on the calendar on the back cover of this magazine, the only complete and up-to-date schedule of Northern California events.

In other news, 16-year-old Judit Polgar, fresh from her victory over Boris Spassky, is planning to play a match with Challenger Nigel Short in Greece in April, and World Champion Garry Kasparov is taking the initiative in finding his own venue for his World Championship Match with Nigel Short in August or September. The original selection of Southern California as a site fell apart, then the same Yugoslavian group that bankrolled Fischer-Spassky II made an offer that was rejected by the English because of the international sanctions, then Manchester, England, made an offer of $1.7 million that was rejected because it was too small. Now Kasparov himself is in the driver's seat, and he has proven in the past that he is capable of attracting the big bucks. If he succeeds, it will mark the end of FIDE's control of world chess.

Closer to home, five of the seven seats on the USCF Policy Board are up for grabs, and everyone I know is hoping that the winds of change blowing around the world in recent years can infuse fresh air into our national chess organization (if you would like to see some changes, tell one of the voters that represent Northern California in USCF elections—they are listed in the April issue of Chess Life).

If you have been seduced by the sublime appeal of the Game of Kings, this may a year to derive maximum satisfaction from your investment. The table is set with goodies to tempt every taste, to tease every intellect. *-CMW*

P.S. Hot off the press—congratulations to **Harish Bhat** for winning the Santa Clara County High School Championship (and he's only a 9th grader!) and Palo Alto's **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** for winning first place in the Elementary Division at the Southern California Scholastic Championship (that's two years in a row now!). They both won <u>all</u> of their games!

Winter Festival

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So far it still looks like a mirror image Sicilian.

11. Rd1 Bf6

What chutzpah! The guy's only an expert and yet he invites complications. Well, he does have an extra 20 minutes on the clock. Does he know that it's my first tournament in about 2 years? Did I manage to learn anything covering the recent Fischer match for IBM's "Prodigy"? Let's find out!

12. Ne4!

The benefit of the extra tempo. Black should probably decline the Grefe gift.

12...fe4 13. de4

Now Black could fall into a neat trap with 13...Ne3? 14. Be3 Nd4 15. Nd4 ed4 16. Bc4!, when White wins a pawn. But my opponent is not so obliging.

13...Ndb4! 14. ab4 Nb4 15. Qc5

So far according to plan. I felt I had some advantage and was trying to calculate how I would answer 15...Qe8, since both 16. Ne5 and 16. Qc7 can lead to great complications. In the meantime Stephens uncorked...

15...Qe7!

To which the best reply might be 16. Qb5. But my time was rapidly evaporating, so I decided to grab the pawn.

16. Qe7 Be7 17. Ne5 Nc2!18. Rb1 Rfd8

On 18...Ba2 White has the saving shot 19. Bc4. I was a little concerned about my somewhat awkward development, and those three black queenside pawns were starting to look scary.

19. Bd2 c6 20. Nc4 a4 21. Nb6 Ra7 22. Bc3 Bb3 23. e5

If I don't get my own pawns rolling I'm going to be in trouble. I now had about 10 minutes left on my clock for the rest of the game when there came...

23...Nb4?!

I don't know whether it was deliberate or not, but Black invites head-spinning complications which may put him in danger of losing. Should I use up half my remaining time chasing what might be a mirage?

24. Bb4! Rd1

This is forced.

25. Rd1

Now 25...Bd1 loses to 26. Bc4! Kf8 27. Be7 Ke7 28. Nc8 and 29. Na7, even though the Knight is trapped.

25...Bb4 26. Rd8 Kf7 27. Rd7

Intending to answer 27...Ke8 with 28. Rg7.

27...Kf8 28. Nc8

At first I intended to meet 28...Ra8 with 29. Rd8 Kf7 30. Nd6 Bd6 31. Ra8 Be5 32. Ra7 Bb2 33. Rb7 Kf6 34. Bc4 Bc4 35. Rb2, but when I took a closer look things didn't seem all that simple after 35...a3. Instead 29. Rb7 should suffice to win.

28...a3! 29. ba3 Ra3 30. h3 Ra1 31. Kh2 b5 32. Bg4!

Time to play for mate. At this point both players had just a few minutes left and Black blundered. An exciting and fun game for players and spectators. I like the "new chess."

32...Ra8? 33. Rd8 Kf7 34. Nd6 Bd6 35. Ra8 Be5 36. f4 Bd6 37. Ra6 Bd5 38. Bf3 Ke7 39. e4 Bf4? 1-0

A further error, but Black's game is hopeless. After 40. g3, White won in 55 moves.

People's

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1...e5 2. Bg2 d5 3. h3

Better is 3. c4!?

3...h5 4. gh5 Bc5 5. e3 Nc6 6. c3

White cannot expect a good game without pushing c4, as much of White's chances lie along the h1-a8 diagonal. Black ably gains an initiative with solid developing moves and an interesting pawn gambit.

6...e4 7. Ne2 Ne5

Another drawback to 6. c3 combined with 5. e3 now becomes obvious, as White is immediately forced on the defensive.

8. Nf4 Qg5

Guess what Black is thinking?

9. d4 ed3 10. Bd5 Nf6 11. Bf3

This retreat wastes valuable time that should be earmarked for White's queenside pieces, and begins to overwork the White Queen.

11...Bf5

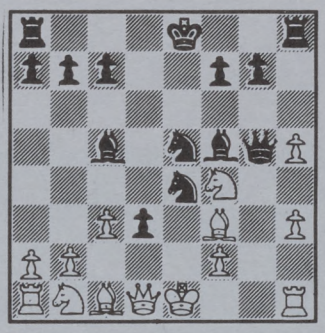
Even a high-rated Expert cannot resist simple developing moves in the center.

12. e4

White sets a trap, but it is the first player who will be felled.

12...Ne4!

Allowing White to win a Queen. But Black has calculated his return on investment to be quite profitable.



13. Qa4 Kf8 14. Be4

White first exchanges his en prise Bishop for Black's agressive Knight. If 14. Ne6+ fe6 15. Bg5 Nf3+ 16. Kf1 Neg5, Black's three pieces will greatly outweigh the White Queen.

14...Re8!

Another good move based on White's underdevelopment.

15. Ng6+ fg6 16. Qe8+

After the expected 16. Bg5, Black has 16...Be4 threatening both the Rook and a forking check. Of course, Black would still have to make good his sacrifice with only two pieces for the Queen. The text panics too early.

16...Ke8 17. Bg5

What would have been a really interesting struggle fizzles into a mere Queen exchange, as Black is guaranteed to win back the exchange at the very least.

17...Be4 18. Rg1 Nf3+ 19. Kf1

Hoping for the conservative 19...Ng1 20. Kg1 Rh5 21. h4 when White may draw.

19...Rh5 20. Rg3?

Saving the exchange while losing a piece?

20...Rg5 21. Rg5 Ng5 22. Nd2

White has a Rook for two pieces, but Black's passed d-pawn and active position will decide the day.

22...Bf3 23. Re1 Be2 24. Kg2 Bd6

White is defenseless on the dark squares.

25. h4 Bf4 26. Nb3 Nf3 0-1

CLUB DIRECTORY

Places to play in Northern California and Northern Nevada

BERKELEY
Fridays 7:30 pm
YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Ave.
Alan Glasscoe (510) 652-5324

BURLINGAME
Thursdays 7:30 pm
Burlingame Lions Club
990 Burlingame Ave
Scott Wilson (415) 355-9402

CAMPBELL
KOLTY CC, Thursdays 7-11:30 pm
Campbell Community Center
Winchester & W. Campbell
Barry Wayne Curto (408) 358-2207

CARMICHAEL
Senior Citizen Ctr/Comm Ctr
4701 Gibbons
John Howard (916) 972-8213

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Fridays 7-11 pm
Rec. Room, 1901 Dayton Rd.
Peter Chamousis (916) 872-3158

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Saturdays, 10-noon
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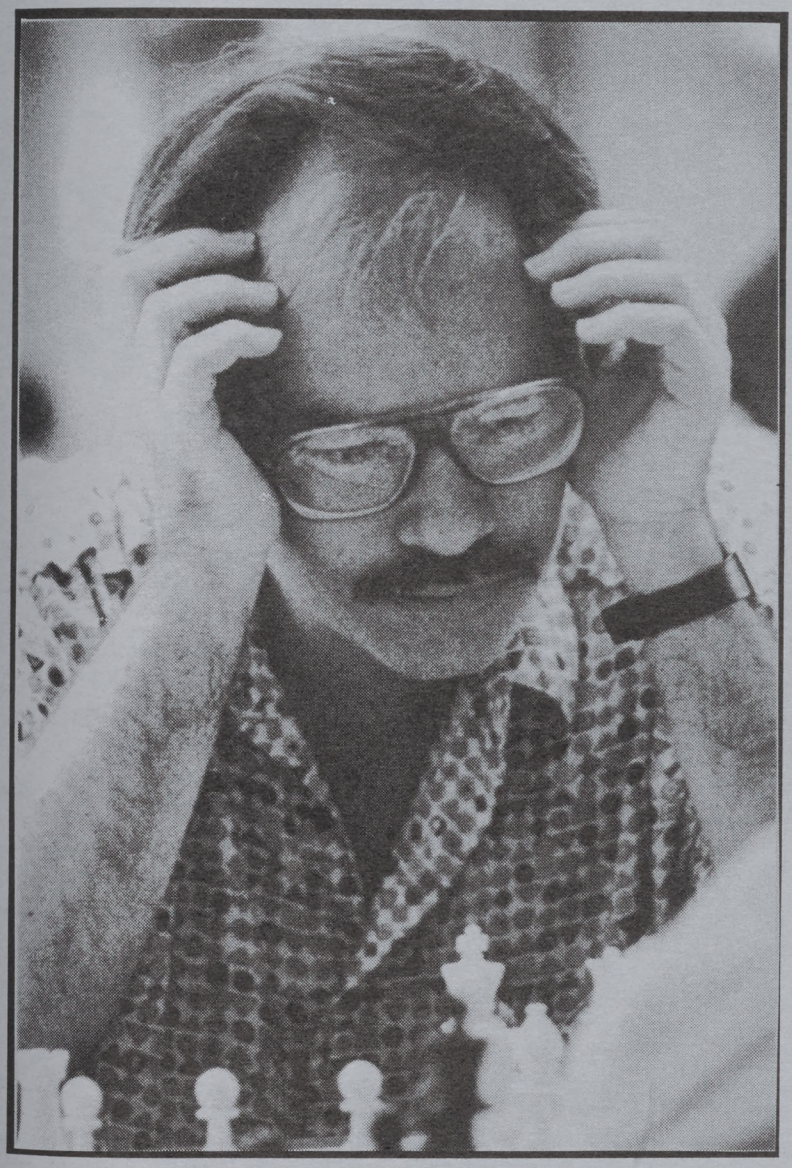
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This issue marks the second stage in the phased elimination of one regular issue, moving everyone's expiration date another month forward, and completing the month extension required to give our Editorial staff, the hardest-working volunteers anywhere, a much-needed breather. When this issue comes out, in the second week of June, we will be back on track at or near our regular issue date, and former Editor Andy Lazarus has offered to come back on staff to offer some badly needed additional assistance. This should enable us to maintain an intact schedule through 1993 and much longer. You may notice some formatting changes, part of our ongoing experimentation with more readable fonts and ways to package our information more efficiently.

It is important that we publish as much as possible, because there is a lot of news on the Northern California chess scene, and we want to record as much of it as we can. Tournament activity continues to increase in both quantity and quality. Comparisons with just a couple of years ago are astonishing. Not only do we have a large increase in activity, more tournaments and more players, but the quality of the events has gone way up. There is as solid a schedule of events in Northern California and vicinity today as there is anywhere in the country, with the *possible* exception of Manhattan Island alone. Check these highlights:

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2.	Richard Koepcke	2374	1/2	1/2	Mikulas Manik	2387	
3.	Peter C. Yu	2345	0-1	1/2	Matt Beelby	2364	
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8.	Oleg Shakhnazarov	2266	1-0	1-0	Richard Kaja	2227	
9.	Alan R. Stein	2245	1-0	1-0	Ron Hermansen	2225	
10.	Tom Dorsch	2221	0-1	1-0	Richard Mattern	2223	
11.	Timothy J. Roth	2211	1-0	1-0	Paul Shannon	2197	
12.	Joe Kleiman	2164	1-0	1-0	Doug Huddleston	2183	
13.	Mark Gagnon	2147	0-1	0-1	Abdul Boutefnouchet	2168	
14.	John O. Ang	2119	1-0	0-1	Brian De Sousa	2133	
15.	Steve Brown	2085	0-1	1/2	Mark Stephens	2105	
16.	Joseph Bakhoum	2079	0-1	1-0	Randy Hough	2100	
17.	Paul S. Liebhaber	2022	1-0	0-1	Parker Montgomery	2100	
18.	Donald R. Shennum	2046	0-1	1-0	Clay Bradley	2095	
19.	Jimmy Plumb	2039	1-0	0-1	Steve Lenores	2072	
20.	Ashish Mukharji	2027	0-1	1/2	Michael Malone	2069	
21.	Neil Regan	2000	0-1	0-1	Tracy Gray	2052	
22.	Mike Goodall	2000	1/2	0-1	Warren Williamson	2042	
23.	Robert Feldstein	2009	1-0	0-1	Bill Ruden	2029	
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25.	Jordy Mont-Reynaud	1903		0-1	1/2 Dan Sherman	2021	
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Dramatic Climax to Close Match

by NM Tom Dorsch

The 1993 North/South Match, in its second incarnation of the modern era, returned again to the hospitality of the Visalia Chess Club on the weekend of March 13-14, and resulted in a cliffhanger finish that would have done credit to any of the matches in this traditional competition between the top and bottom halves of California.

The South, as usual, fielded a powerful and balanced team. In the final lineup, they averaged 31 rating points higher per board, and we knew we had a big job to do. That job became much more formidable when we broke for lunch after the first round down 13-17. But it was amazing, discussing the situation over lunch, that the Northerners not only were not discouraged, they were actually confident. I heard several say, "I'm sure I can beat my guy next time!" When we came back, a crowd gathered around the tote board as the results started to come in. The first few postings were from the lower boards, where the Southern rating edge was particularly great. At one point, we slipped to -6, and some Southerners were offering condolences. But then the tide turned. As last year, it was our masters—who I have long contended are underrated vis-a-vis masters in other areas—who propelled the big surge. With a whopping 10 pts on the first twelve boards, +8=4-0, the North closed the gap. The overmatched Northerners on the bottom few boards, fighting big ratings differences, rose to the occasion to score some crucial upsets. The final game was the titanic struggle between Joe Kleiman of San Francisco, on Board 12, and Doug Huddleston.

It was obvious that Huddleston was losing on time, and the Southerners had to place their hopes in the "no practical winning chances" rule to salvage a draw that would give them a 30.5-29.5 match victory. But the position was a R+P v. R+P position where White (Kleiman) had a slight edge.

Despite the fact that all sides agreed it was a theoretical draw with best play by both sides, the rules require much more than a theoretical draw to excuse a time forfeit, and TD Allan Fifield courageously, and correctly, made the decision that White won on time.

The result: the match ends tied at 30-30, and both teams had an opportunity to experience the excitement and tension of a really competitive match. It was a great weekend of chess!

The Interstate Open

by NM Jim Eade

The North/South Match was played on Sunday, leaving Saturday free for a nice, little Grand Prix tournament, the Interstate Open, a four-round Swiss that drew ten masters, including two IMs. You may ask why Interstate instead of "Intrastate" for a match between two halves of California? Because in the world of chess, California has already been split into two states, North and South, separate state chapters, separately governed.

Having played countless games of blitz chess with Oleg Shakhnazarov and Henry Robles, I've learned to appreciate a flair for tactics, even when it is at my expense. The time control for the four round Intrastate Open was G/60, which favors the tactitians; so, I very cleverly drove to Visalia with Henry and Oleg, and hung around with them in the hopes that something tactical would rub off.

Apparently, this dubious plan works! First place was a three way tie among IM Jonathan Schroer, Henry Robles and myself.

Shakhnazarov just missed the winner's circle, as the games below will attest. Oleg beat IM Leski in round two only to lose a fierce contest to Schroer in round three. Henry and I drew with Schroer and Leski, respectively, in the final round to capture our share of first. So, the Eade caravan managed a 50% score in four games vs. the IMs, and took 2/3rds of the top prize money. We may not have looked like a team walking in, coming as we do from Baku, the Philippines and New England, but we sure played like one.

White: Oleg Shakhnazarov (2266)
Black: IM Marc Leski (2534)
[B08]

Annotated by NM Jim Eade

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7 5.d4 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.dc5 dc5 8.Be3 b6 9.Qc1 Bb7 10.e5 Ng4 11.e6 f5 12.Ng5 Nc6

Also possible is 12...Ne3 followed by 13...Qc7.

13.Bg4 fg4 14.Nf7 Qc8 15.Nh6 Bh6

15...Kh8 is fine, if you're willing to allow a draw by repetition.

16.Bh6 Rf5 17.Qd1 Rh5 18.Bf4 Qe6

Black has won a pawn, but the position is far from clear.

19.Re1 Qf5 20.Bg3 Rd8 21.Qe2 e5 22.Qc4 Kg7 23.Rad1 Rd4 24.Rd4 ed4 25.Nb5 Ba6 26.a4 Qd7 27.Qe2 Rd5 28.Qe4 d3 29.c4! d2 30.cd5 Qd5 31.Qb1 de1Q 32.Qe1 Bb7?

The losing move, but it is far from obvious. 32...Bc8 should hold the position.

33.Nd6 Nd8 34.Qe7 Nf7 35.Ne8 Kh6 36.Bf4 g5 37.Qf6 Kh5 38.Ng7 1-0

White: IM Jonathan Schroer (2409)
Black: Oleg Shakhnazarov (2266)
[D11]

Annotated by NM Jim Eade

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dc4 3.Nf3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bc4 e6

By choosing c6 AND e6 in this position, Black essentially enters a Meran, a tempo down.

6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.e4 b5 9.Bd3 b4 10.Ne2?!

An interesting idea, but a more typical treatment of this position would begin by 10. Na5.

0...Bb7 11.Nf4 h6 12.e5 Nh7

An atypical looking move, but, as will be demonstrated, Black is merely warming up.

13.Nh5 0-0 14.Qc2

14. Qe2 looks indicated, but White may not have liked the looks of 14...c5.

14...Ng5 15.Nd2 f5 16.h4 c5?!!

An amazing conception, which also is the answer to 16.f4. While I cannot pronounce the sacrifice sound, I can honestly say it is very deep! I remember walking by the game and crinkling my nose. Later on, I walked by a second time and was stunned to see Black looking like a winner. I take my hat off to Black, who registers a "10" on the guts-o-meter.

17.hg5 hg5 18.Bc4 Qb6 19.Qb3 Kf7 20.d5?!

I think this might be a critical error, but I can't really solve this problem. Possibly 20. Nf3 cd4 21. Ng5 Bg5 22. Bg5 is an improvement, but 22...Nc5 generates counterplay.

20...Ne5 21.de6 Kg6 22.Ng3?!

22. Be2!.

22...Qc6 23.f3 Bd6?

23...Qd6 contains more threats. For example, 24. Ne2 Nc4 25. Nc4 Qe6 26. Be3 Bd5 with play.

North-South,* *continued on page 23

29TH ANNUAL LERA PENINSULA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

by NM Tom Dorsch

Northern California's most successful series of tournaments kicked off its 1993 season when LERA staged its Peninsula Class Championships, the first of its four annual events, on the weekend of March 27-28, 1993, in the recreation center at the huge Lockheed plant in Sunnyvale, California, a site familiar to generations of local players. The turnout of 126 players was slightly smaller than some earlier LERA events, probably because of a conflict with the State Scholastic Championships in San Rafael, which attracted all of the top juniors and several adult regulars who directed or coached the kids.

As usual, the there was a strong showing in the top section. Six-time US Champion GM **Walter Browne** (2616) returned to local action after a two-month respite to join a three-way tie at the top with **Ronald Cusi** (2450) of Daly City and **Vitaly Kanzaveli** (of San Jose). Eighteen masters and seven Experts competed in the top section.

The Expert section attracted 21 of the toughest "amateur" players in the area. The leaders of the pack were **Alan Becker** (2188), **John Romo** (2188), and **David Barnett** (2175), all journeyman Experts capable of master-level play. But Becker and Romo gave first-round draws to **Jesse Jestadt** (2049) and **Walter Wood** (2037), respectively. After two rounds, the only perfect scorers left were Barnett and **Raymond Rotor** (2100) of San Francisco, who practices regularly at the Mechanics' Institute. They drew in a third-round tussle that set up a big finish between fast-closing Becker, Barnett, Rotor, and upstart **David McCooey** of Campbell. Becker and Barnett dueled to a draw, and Ray Rotor scored over McCooey to nail the $280 clear-first prize, making him top money winner in the whole tournament because of the tie at the top in the Master section. Becker, Barnett, and **Rodolfo Zapata** (2169) of Hayward finished with 3.

The action was no less fierce in the "A" Section, the largest with 30 players. Fourth and fifth seeds **Jon Kirby** (1959) of Campbell and **Vergel Dalusung** of San Francisco won their first three in a row, then drew in the last round. The only late closer that could catch them was **Peter McKone** (1910) of Redwood City, to notch another three-way tie. **Robert Christopher** (1984), **Michael Wood**, **Manuel Mangrobang** (1871), and **Bill Shauck** chased them home with 3 points.

The "B" race looked like a runaway for **Craig Smith** (1750), who mowed down three in a row, winning a brilliancy prize along the way. But in the last round he ran into **Rich McCullough** (1721) of Sonoma, who was in no mood to take prisoners, and lost. The result was again a three-way tie between McCullough, rapidly-improving **Richard Yang** (1733) of Oakland, and wily veteran **Pat Jackson** (1641) of Fremont, followed by Smith and **Antonio Garizaldy** (1698) of San Jose with 3.

The 17-player "C" Section produced the only perfect score in the tournament, a 4-0 performance by top-rated **Morgan Gray** (1567) of Mountain View, chased home by **Rodrigo Dioso** (1364), 3.5 points, and **Mohamed Sirker** and **Christopher Pontod** (1394), 3 points each.

The D/E/Unr. Section fell to **Mary Fitzgerald** (1151), who did not lose a single game, and defeated the top-ranked player in the section in the last round to finish with 3. Unrated winners were **Rod Furmanski** of Sunnyvale and **Michael Yeluashvili** of Mountain View.

The tournament was directed by Jim Hurt and Ted Yudacufski.

White: Vitaly Kanzaveli (2400)
Black: Mark Pinto (2209)
Master Section Brilliancy
Queen's Pawn [A40]

Annotated by NM Tom Dorsch

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 Bc3 5. bc3 f5

Mark is ingenious at developing opening systems that pose novel and difficult problems for his opponents. This strategy has given Mark some extremely nice wins over top players, but, sometimes, relentless experimentation can be associated with a certain amount of risk... In Inside Chess #10 (May 31, 1993), IM John Donaldson, annotating IM Watson-Pinto from the Far West Open in Reno, describes this as "A system popularized by Roman Dzindzihashvili several years ago. After some initial successes the system became less popular because of the following treatment by White." It was Pinto's bad luck, and Watson's good luck, that

Sacramento champ Zoran Lazetich had played this line against IM Remlinger in the previous round, and Remlinger had discussed it with Watson.

6. e4!?

A very vigorous and probably fully justified positional decision. White can contest Black's control of the square e4 with a slow buildup, which would in turn give Black time to develop his kingside and begin a counterattack, or he can immediately open lines while Black is still underdeveloped and weakened.

6...fe4

6...d6?! 7.Bd3 fe4 8.Be4 Nf6 9.Bc2 leaves Black's kingside looking like Swiss cheese, and the hole on e6 can only be removed at the cost of making the d-pawn hopelessly weak.

7. h4!

White aims to do some clearcutting on the kingside, then hunt down the last spotted owl.

7...Qa5

Against Watson, Pinto tried 7...Nf6 8.h5 gh5 9.Bg5 Qa5 10.Bf6 ef6 11.Qh5 and White still gets a powerful initiative.

8. Bd2 Nf6 9. h5!

"Having said "a," White must now say "b."

9...Nh5 10. Rh5 gh5 11. Qh5 Kd8 12. Qe5! Re8 13. Bg5 d6

What else? At least this way Black opens a line or two to develop. If White gets to play 14.d6, it's terminated.

14. Qd6 Nd7 15. Ne2 Qb6 16. Qg3 Nf6 17. d6!

After this, Black is hogtied. Almost in zugzwang and unable to parry more than the obvious threats, it is just a matter of moves before White makes decisive progress.

17...Bd7 18. 0-0-0 Ng8 19. Nf4 Kc8 20. Nd5 Qa5 21. de7 b5

This hastens the end, but Black has no moves to make. White is threatening the deadly maneuver 22.Bf1-e2-g4.

22. cb5 c4 23. b6! Qa3 24. Kb1 Qc5 25. Rd4 Kb7 26. Rc4 Qb5 27. Ka1 1-0

27...Qd5 28. Qc7 Ka6 29.Ra4++ mate.

White: David Barnett (2175)
Black: Neil Regan (2000)
Expert Section Brilliancy
English Opening [A39]

Annotated by NM Tom Dorsch

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. Nf3 cd4 4. Nd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 g6 6. g3 Bg7 7. e3

This treatment is not the most ambitious way to handle this type of position, but it might be the best strategy when facing a pure tactician like Mr. Regan, who is perfectly versed in the nuances of Accelerated Dragon positions. With 6.e4 and 7.Be3, White could enter main lines of the Maroczy Bind.

7...0-0 8. Bg2 Ne5 9. b3 Qa5?

This results in loss of tempo that gives White a big positional edge. Better was to continue with 9...d6, ...Bd7, ...Rb8, etc, aiming for ...b5 and some counterplay on the queenside. As it is, Black never succeeds in playing the freeing move ...b5 after the loss of tempo, the rook on b8 never participates in the game, and Black never has another chance to equalize.

10. Qd2 d6 11. 0-0 Bd7 12. Nd5 Qd8

Of course Black cannot afford to lose a pawn to a *zwischenzug* by playing 12...Qd2 13. Ne7.

13. Bb2

White is playing very carefully to minimize counterplay. 13. Nf6 Bf6 14. Bb2 is a safe pawngrab for White and would have tempted most players.

13...Rb8 14. Rac1 a6 15. Rc2 Nfg4 16. f4 Nc6 17. Bc3 Nd4

The thematic 18...b5 leads to interesting complications, e.g. 19.Nc6 (19.cb? Nd4 20. Bd4 Bd4 21. Qd4 Bb5 poses fewer difficulties for Black) Bc6 (19...Bc3? 20. Nde7±) 20.Ne7 Qe7 21.Bc6 Ne3 22. Bg7 Kg7 (22...Nf8? 23.Bf8±) 23. Re1 Qc7 24. Re3 Qc6 25. cb Qb5 26. Qd6 wins a pawn for White, although the resulting position is not without drawing chances for Black due to the activity of heavy artillery in an open position. A more circumspect way for White to play for advantage is by 19. Nc6 Bc6 20. Bg7 Kg7 21. h3 Bd5 22. cd5 Nf6 23. b4.

This is the kind of position where Black has to undertake something to relieve the pressure, and the exchange of his two best minor pieces only underscores the superiority of White's other pieces.

18. Bd4 Bd4 19. Qd4 e6

Now 19...b5 20.h3 forces Black's knight to an uncomfortable posting.

20. Nc3 e5 21. Qd3 Bf5 22. e4 Qb6 23. Kh1 Be6 24. Re2 ef4 25. gf4 Qd8 26. Qg3

26. f5! is strong, e.g. 26...Qh4 27. Bh3 Bd7 28. Bg4 Qg4 29. Nd5 Qh4 30. Qd4 ±.

26...f5 27. ef5 Bf5 28. Nd5 Rf7 29. Rfe1 Qa5

Black is helpless to oppose White's incursion on the e-file and the subsequent exploitation of the weak kingside squares.

30. Ne7! Kg7 31. Bd5 Bd3

There is nothing to do. 31...Rf6 32. Nf5 gf5 33. h3 Rh6 34. Re7 Kh8 35. Kg2 wins quickly.

32. Qg4 Be2 33. Re2 Rf6 34. Qd7 Kh8 35. Nc8! Qc3 36. Re8 1-0

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1993 NORCAL SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Ray Orwig

The tournament was held on the March 27-28th weekend at Saint Marks School in San Rafael. The tournament drew a total of 321 players, a state record. It was directed by the able team of **Alan Tse, Carolyn Withgitt, Richard Newey, Stephen Shore, and Sean Peisert.** A total of sixty trophies were awarded over the two days. The Saint Marks Chess Parents ran an excellent snack bar and the American Chess Equipment Company was selling books and chess supplies, making it a complete weekend.

A heavy rainstorm on Saturday morning failed to dampen the enthusiasm and determination of the largest mass of junior chess players ever brought together in Northern California. The Primary Section directors, Stephen and Sean, performed the marathon task of directing their group of eighty K-3 players over five rounds in just one day. About the time the last pairing would be posted in any given round it seemed as though the results were already starting to come in. Due to the large turnout, parents and coaches anxiously waited outside of the building for the result of their kid's game.

Primary Section (K-3)

For many of the young players (and their parents) this was their first tournament. But many seasoned veterans were there as well, including the tough **Mission San Jose team** from Fremont. Three of their players are nationally ranked! With that big advantage it was no surprise that with 16 points Mission San Jose was the top-scoring team. But, they did face strong competition from the **Saint Marks** team. With their home field advantage they were able to challenge MSJ all the way down to the last round. They came in second place just half a point behind MSJ. **Cragmont** came in third with 14 points, followed by **St. Pauls** with 13 and **Weibel** with 11 points.

Jeffrey Lonsdale (1232) and **Christopher Behrens** (1148), both of MSJ, had perfect 5-0 scores, so they are Northern California's Primary Division co-champions. **Lee Ming Zen** (1071) of St. Marks earned third place scoring 4.5 points. Tied for 4th-13th were (in order of tie-breaks): **Sathvik Tantry** (1118), **Andy Banakus** (1175), **Adam Lischinsky** (1306), **Sean O'Brien** (974), **Andrew Chang** (951), **Andrey Trifonov** (Unr.), **Dwight Asuncion** (990), **Marijo Mont-Reynaud** (930), **Harris Epstein** (Unr.), and **Darryl Perkins** (Unr.)

Best Under 800 with 3-2 each were: **Eric Egide, Kevin Bui, and Elizabeth De La Torre.** Best Under 600 with 3-2 was **Derek Schloss,** and the Best Unrated was **Daniel Yeh** scoring 3.5-1.5. **Michael Hennessy** (539) scored the biggest upset over **Jonathan Lonsdale** (1231).

Half of the top ten players were second graders, so next year's competition should be very strong as well.

Elementary Section (Grades 4-6)

If the Primary Section was a marathon group to manage based on the pace of five rounds per day, the Elementary Section was equally grueling based on the sheer volume. A whopping 142 players entered this grade 4-6 section! U.C. Berkeley Junior **Alan Tse** served as director and did an outstanding job getting the rounds started on time and keeping the vast wall chart and team chart updated.

Even with accelerated pairings ties were inevitable. Tied for first place (in order of tie-breaks) with perfect scores were: **Joey Lonsdale** (1431), **Philip Wang** (1652), and **William Surlow** (1684). Tied for fourth place were **Kevin Simler** (1527) and **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1903). There was a massive tie for 6th-23rd place. 6th-9th place were picked by tie-breaks, while 10th-23rd are listed in rating order. Tie-breaks were not entirely reliable due to the great number of unrated players (over 70!). Just like adult tournaments, the unrated players ran the gamut from rank beginner to very advanced players who just had not played in a rated event, so their performances (and rankings) were unpredictable. The winners for 6th-23rd were: **Vinay Bhat** (1656), **Andrew Iannacone** (1401), **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1548), **Marc Alioto** (920), **Eric Lin** (1271), **Philip Ou** (1266), **Tov Fisher-Kirshner** (1254), **Todd Stansbury** (1230), **David McDaniel** (1047), and the unrated players **Jorge Aguayo, Michael Bennett, Chad Manes, Erica Olsen, Amanda Pacheco, Jeremy Ryan, and Sarah Wasser.**

The Class D winners scoring 3.5-1.5 were: **Kevin O'Brien, David Brown, Albert Souchet,** and **Daniel Gildengorin. Dominique Jenkins** was the top-scoring "E" player with 3.5-1.5. Best Under 1000 was **Solon Yang** 3.5-1.5, and Best Under 800 was **Benjamin Kavanaugh** 3-2. The Best Unrateds scoring 3-2 each were: **Janet Corona, Mason Lawson, Julio Lima, Brant Meyer, Raul Montes, Derrick Stinnett,** and **Roger Sandoval.**

The team competition was again dominated by **Mission San Jose**, the

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CCA'S WESTERN CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCORD, CALIFORNIA • APRIL 9-11, 1993

by NM Tom Dorsch

Bill Goichberg's first tournament at the site of the 1995 US Open, the Concord Hilton in Concord, drew 135 players to compete for over $6000 in prize money. When the smoke cleared, Northern California's most successful Swiss-system player, **GM Walter Browne**, emerged victorious with 5 points out of six, coasting to victory with four straight wins and then easy draws with **IM Marc Leski** and **NM Paul Rejto**. Clumped in a tie for second with 4.5 were Leski, Rejto, **IM John Watson**, **NM Ken Plesset,** and **NM Eric Schiller. IM John Donaldson** and **NM Victor Pupols**, who would have had 4.5 if they had won, had already elected to take a half-point last-round bye to start the drive back to Seatlle, and wound up with 4 points, to the great relief of the group in second place.

Leading the Experts with 4 points were **John Romo**, **Sean Fitzpatrick,** and **Mark Gagnon.** The "A" prize went to **Jennie Frenklakh** of Monterey, a member of our national junior team in Slovakia this summer, who grabbed the lead early, rated like a veteran, and scored two key wins on the final day to take clear first in a section where she was seeded fourteenth at 1862. An impressive performance from a player with abundant talent and a bright future. She was followed by **Robert D. Martin**, **Geoffrey Wyatt**, and **Michael Don Jones**.

The "B" winner was **Scott Nollet**, another rapidly-improving player, who scored 5.5 points out of 6, finishing a full point ahead of **Steven Gaffagan**, **Paul Lillebo**, **Walter Catibog**, and **Eric Baudry** with 4.5. the only perfect 6 for 6 of the tournament was posted in the "C" Section by **David Alzofon** ahead of **Todd Imada** and **James A. Clark** with 4.5.

Class "D/E/Unr." standout **James J. Butler**, 5.5, topped **Jeff Hodge** and **Robert Bullock**, 5, and the Unrated prize went to **Norman Nixon**, with 4. A Saturday scholastic tournament was won by **Julie Viscaino**, of Modesto, rapidly improving under the tutelage of coach **Kevin Cripe**. In a Quick Chess tournament on April 11, **Tom Dorsch** and **Dr. Pascal Baudry** finished 1-2.

The tournament was directed by **Steve Immitt** and **Carolyn Withgitt.**

Norcal Scholastics continued

national 5th grade champions. Though leading by only half a point going into the last round, they got the wins they needed and surged to first place with 17.5 points. **Biggs Elementary** came in second with 16 points. (Both MSJ and Biggs had four players in the top ten.) Fremont's **Weibel Elementary** came in third place with 15 points. **Saint Marks** came in 4th with 14.5 points, and Hayward's **Ruus Elementary** came in fifth just half a point behind Saint Marks, an excellent performance by a new team and that has shown remarkable improvement in a short time under Coach **Tony Lambert**.

Due to the overwhelming number of players in this section, after discussion at the Saturday morning coaches' meeting, plans for next year include establishment of a Varsity and a Junior Varsity section in the Elementary Division, with the break at 1100.

Junior High Section (Grades 7-8)

The Junior High Section, directed by **Richard Newey**, had thirty-nine players. Monterey's **Jennie Frenklakh** (1815) easily dominated the field with a 300-point rating advantage, and true to her rating, she won first place with a perfect 5-0 score. Tied for 2nd-6th were **Eric Wainright** (1447), **Stephen Gluck** (1027), **Daniel Metrikin** (Unr.), **Enoch Kwok** (1420), and **Mark Dean** (1458). Tied for 7th-8th were **Eric Chen** (1146) and **Tyrone Chin** (1249), each scoring 3.5-1.5. Tied for 9th-10th were **Michael Chan** (1116) and **Nikhil Prakash** (1215), 3-2 each.

It was a close battle all the way with three teams within a half point of one another going into the last round. That was when **Hopkins Junior High** of Fremont turned up the heat, scoring 4 points that round to run away with the championship. Tied for 2nd-3rd were **Luther Burbank** and **Martin Luther King-Berkeley** scoring 11.5 points each. **Miranda** came in 4th place with 8.5 and **Bartlett** came in fifth with 7 points.

High School Section (Grades 10-12)

The High School Division, directed by **Carolyn Withgitt**, had sixty players. **Peter Lee** (2025), winner of the 1991 Nor Cal Junior Invitational Championship, made it a clean sweep with a dramatic last-round victory over top-rated David Peterson of Arizona. Last year's champion **Adrian Keatinge-Clay** (2010) came in a close second with 4.5-0.5, giving up a draw to **Brian**

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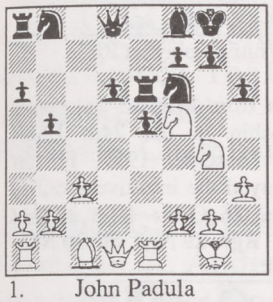
What Is the Best Move?

by NM David Forthoffer

See if you can find the best move in each of the following positions. The best move involves tactics, often leading to mate or a decisive win. Sometimes it might be to just win a pawn, or find the only move to stave off immediate disaster. If you understand the tactics, you'll know the *best* move. We're not talking subtle strategy!

The numbers in parentheses give the number of minutes you may want to spend on each position. The answers are on page 10.

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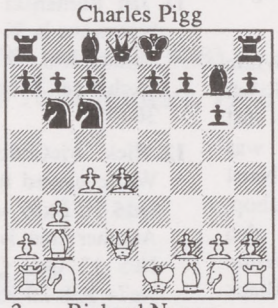
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Cecilio Draculan



2. Eric Cota
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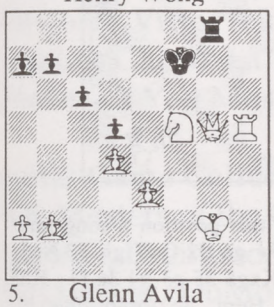
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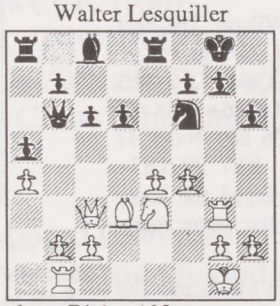
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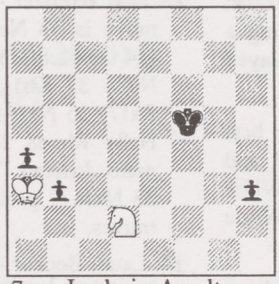
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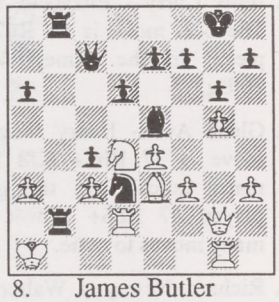
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Steven Lender



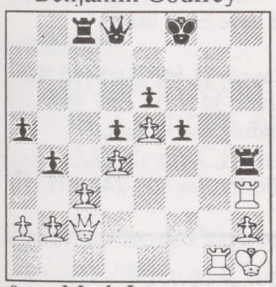
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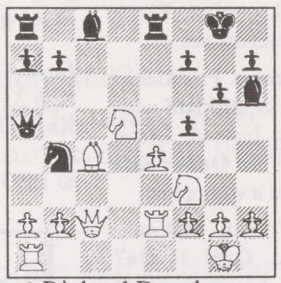
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Benjamin Godfrey



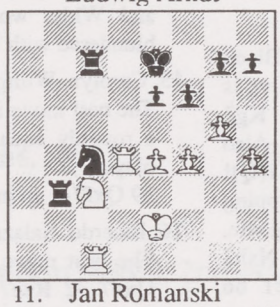
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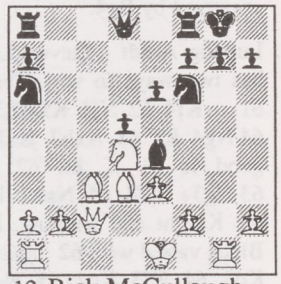
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11. Jan Romanski
White to play (4)

Paul Lillebo



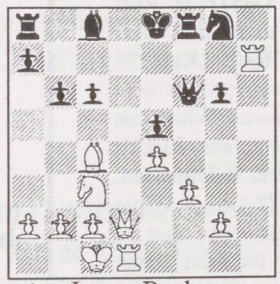
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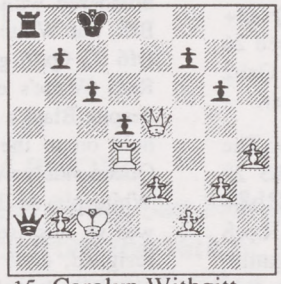
13. Don Wolitzer
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Barbara McCaleb



14. Laura Becker
White to play (5)

Jennie Frenklakh



15. Carolyn Withgitt
Black to play (5)

William McCann



16. Ricardo Salazar
Black to play (12)

What is the Best Move?

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To count as solving a problem, you should have examined all the **bold face moves**.

1. Padula,John-Hendricks,David: 20 **Nxe5** wins a pawn. In the game, White played 20 Re3?

2. Eric Cota - Cecilio Draculan: White played the best move: 29 **Bxd7 Rxd7** 30 **Rxa8+** Kxa8 31 Nb6+ winning a piece.

3. Richard Newey - Charles Pigg: White played the best move: 8 **d5! Ne5**, but didn't follow through with 9 **f4!** winning a piece. Maybe White was afraid of 9 f4 Nexc4 10 bc Nxc4 forking the Queen and Bishop, forgetting that the Bishop on f1 also covered c4. In the game, White blundered with 9 Na3??, Black reciprocated with 9 ... e6???, then White won the piece with 10 f4.

4. Betty Curry - Elizabeth Shaughnessy: The best move is 26 **Rd7**, winning a piece. In the game, White played 26 Bg3??.

5. Glenn Avila- Henry Wong: The best move is 37 **Rh7+ Kf8** 38 **Rg7** and mates quickly. In the game, White played 37 Nh6+ and it took White many moves to mate.

6. Richard Newey - Walter Lesquillier: Black played the best move: 19 ... **Nh5** winning the exchange, since 20 **Rf3** is answered by **Bg4**.

7. Ludwig Arndt - Steven Lender: Black has two ways to win. The simplest is 61 ... **Kf4** 62 **Nf1 Kf3** 63 **Nh2+ Kg2** 64 Ng4 **h2** 65 **Nxh2 Kxh2** etc. Also good is 61 ... **h2** 62 **Nf1 h1(Q)**! 63 **Ng3+ Kf4** 64 **Nxh1 Kf3** trapping the Knight and winning. In the game, Black varied with 62 ... Ke4?? 63 Nxh2 Kd3 64 Nf3 Kc2 65 Nd4+ Kc1 66 Nxb3+ axb3 67 Kxb3 Drawn

8. James Butler- Glenn Avila: The best move is 26 **Qa5** 27 **Rxb2 Qxa3+** crushing. In the game, Black played 26 ... Qb7?? 27 Rxb2 Qxb2+ 28 Qxb2 Rxb2 and the win took much longer.

9. Mark Lazzaro- Benjamin Godfrey: The best move is 27 **Qg2 Rg4** (**Rxh3** 28 **Qg8+ Ke7** 29 **Rg7 mate**) 28 **Rh8+ Ke7** 29 **Rxd8 Rxg2** 30 **Rxc8** winning a Rook. In the game, White played 27 Rhg3??, and the win took much longer after 27 ... Rh8.

10. Richard Daugherty - William Martin: The best move is 15 **Qc3!** winning at least the Exchange. In the game, White played 15 Nf6+?? Kf8? (Kh8! 16 Qc3 Rd8!! 17 Nd5+ Bg7 18 Qxb4 Rxd5!) 16 Qxa5?? (Nxh7+ Kg8 17 Nf6+ wins the Exchange and two pawns) Qxa5 17 Bd5?? (Nxe8) with an equal game.

11. Jan Romanski - Ludwig Arndt: The best move is 36 **Nd1 Rb4** 37 **Ne3 Rb2+** 38 **Ke1** Rb1 39 Rxb1 Nxe3 winning the Exchange. In the game, White played 36 f5??.

12. Rick McCullough - Paul Lillebo: White played the best move: 15 **Nc6! Qd6** 16 **Bxf6** winning at least a piece. Another line is 15 ... Bxd3 16 Qxd3 Nc5 17 Qc2 Qb6 18 Bxf6 Rfc8 19 Ne7+ Kf8 20 Rxg7 Ke8 21 Nxc8 Rxc8 22 Rg8+ Kd7 23 Rxc8 Kxc8 24 Bd4 and White wins the house.

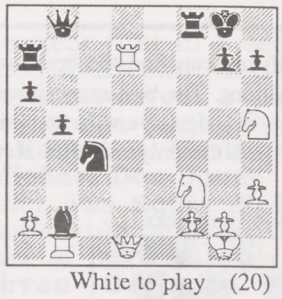
13. Don Wolitzer - Scott Wilson: The best move is 33 **Ne7+ Kf8** 34 **Ng6+** Kg8 (34 ... Ke8 35 Qxf6 Qxc4+ 36 Bc3 Nd3+ 37 Kb1 Kd7 38 Qe6+ Kd8 39 Rxf7) 35 Nxf6+ Kg7 36 h6+ Nxh6 37 Ne8+ Rhxe8 38 Qf6+ Kh7 39 Qf7+ mate. Instead, White played the hasty 33 Nxf6+? prolonging the game many moves.

14. Laura Becker - Barbara McCaleb: The best move is 21 Nb5, crushing Black. In the game, White played 21 Rc7?? Qf4 22 Qxf4 exf4 23 Rxc6 Ne7 24 Rc7 and White won quickly after Black blundered with Rf6?? (versus a6).

15. Carolyn Withgitt - Jennie Frenklakh: The best move is **Kd7** 38 **Qf6 Rf8** with a roughly equal game. Instead, Black played 37 ... **Ra4??** 38 **Qe8+ Kc7** 39 **Qxf7+**, giving White a won game.

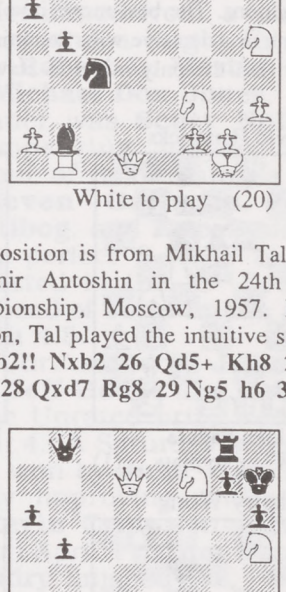
16. Ricardo Salazar - William McCann: The best move is 30 ... **Qc5!** 31 **Qe7 Qxe7** 32 **Rxe7** White has run out of threats, and Black's material superiority should win. In the game, Black blundered with 30 ... Qg5?? 31 Rf2! Bf5, but White failed to find 32 Qf7! Qf6 33 Qxf6 gxf6 34 Rxf8+ Rxf8 35 Rxf5 White's extra piece should win, despite Black's extra pawns. White can hold on to the d7 pawn, and Black's Queen-side pawns should fall. Instead, White played 32 Rxf5?? Qd2+. White was so surprised by this move that he resigned, even though the best Black can do is draw by perpetual check after 33 Kb1 Qd3+ 34 Kb2

Last week I left you food for thought:



White to play (20)

This position is from Mikhail Tal versus Vladimir Antoshin in the 24th USSR Championship, Moscow, 1957. In this position, Tal played the intuitive sacrifice **25 Rxb2!! Nxb2 26 Qd5+ Kh8 27 Qd4 Rxd7 28 Qxd7 Rg8 29 Ng5 h6 30 Nf7+ Kh7.**



Tal considered this position a long time. He saw **31 Qf5+ g6 32 Qd7 gh 33 Ng5+ Kg6 34 Qe6+ Kxg5 35 g3 h4 36 f4+ Kh5 37 Qf5+ Rg5**. Here, he forgot that his pawn was already on g3, and thought that g2-g4 could be answered by hg. Actually, 38 **g3-g4** would have been **mate**.

Instead, Tal played 31 h4? Qc8 32 Nf6+ Kg6 33 Nxg8 Qxd7 34 Ne5+ Kh7 35 Nxd7 Kxg8 and the ending was drawn.

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SILICON VALLEY CHAMPIONSHIPS • APRIL 17-18

by NM Peter Yu

Continuing on their recent string of successful tournaments, organizer **Pat Howlett** and the Silicon Valley Syndicate presented this year's version of the Silicon Valley Championship. Held on April 17-18th, this three-section swiss attracted eighty-three players from around the state including one computer entrant. Tournament Directors **Doug Dekker** and Howlett continue to find outstanding sites for their Silicon Valley events. This time was no exception, as the Techmart, adjacent to the Santa Clara Convention Center and the luxurious Westin Hotel, played host to the well-run tournament.

Although no GMs or IMs played, the Championship Section (Over 2000) had no shortage of masters. Over half of the section's twenty-three players were either rated masters or have lifetime master norms. Local heavy-hitters such as **SM Burt Izumikawa** (2411), **FM Renard Anderson** (2404), and **NM Vitaly Kanzaveli** (2373) were among the contenders. However, few people had ever seen the top seed in action, as the number one rated player wasn't even a player at all. Saitek Industries' top of the line chess computer, the RISC Kasparov, notched into the competition boasting an (overly?) high 2446 rating. Organizers felt, as with their debut tournament last fall, that it only be appropriate to have at least one silicon-based contender among a field of carbon-based thinkers. Perhaps this will become their trademark, but at the very least people can enjoy a good fight between man and machine.

Round one saw many upsets in the strong top section as masters Izumikawa, Anderson and **NM Eleuterio Alsasua** (2261) all lost to experts **John Romo** (2184), **Mahlon Smith** (2157), and **Trung Nguyen** (2043), respectively. Spectators saw the first of many mechanical victories by the RISC Kasparov, as it defeated long-time chess veteran **NM Boris Siff** (2200). Many were happy to see Siff playing, as the former Senior Master, and one of the area's top players and instructors of his time, has been battling health problems.

Round two was somewhat less eventful as there were no real upsets. One game that should have been an upset of sorts was **NM Steve Cross** (2223) versus the computer. Cross was the only master able to beat last year's computer entrant in the 1992 Silicon Valley Championships, and as a result he finished in a three-way tie for first. His knowledge of the horizon effect, combined with precise calculations and tactical vision out-played the RISC Kasparov in a well-played opening and middlegame. By the time a crowd had gathered around their board, Cross had a win versus the microchip menace. Unfortunately, one fault impervious to computers was bad nerves in time pressure. Cross misjudged his remaining time and lost by flag in a still sharp, but won position.

The second day began with power-pairings between tournament leaders. Round three would determine who, if anyone (or anything!), would enter the final money round comfortably ahead of the pack. Top match-ups were RISC Kasparov-NM Peter Yu (2360), and Kanzaveli-**NM Alan Stein** (2288) the four perfect scores. Having done poorly against computers in previous tournament meetings, this author vowed to put past lessons learned to good use. As many players may have heard, computers are strong at calculating tactics and weak in the endgame. The Saitek computer, incorporates a Reduced Instruction Set Computing (RISC) chip, which uses brute force calculations at very fast cycles, to decide on its moves. Most masters tend to envision ideas and plans first, resorting to precise calculations only as a sanity check. Thus, I chose a passive but solid opening which quickly leads to a quiet endgame. Out of its territory, the computer overreached in an even endgame and eventually resigned. Meanwhile, Kanzaveli was able to crack Stein's King's Indian, setting up a last round meeting between the original fourth and fifth seeds. Other notable wins were Romo's upset win over Anderson, that's two Senior Master scalps for John in three rounds!

The "money round" saw one of the strangest games ever to determine the tournament winner. On board one, Yu-Kanzaveli was over almost as soon as it started, and it wasn't a "grandmaster draw." Once the dust settled, Yu emerged unscathed with a 4-0 first place result, making him a two-time Silicon Valley Champion in '92 and '93. RISC Kasparov bounced off its only loss with a short win over **Allen Becker** (2188), whose solid play almost gained him clear second place. Becker, along with fellow expert **David Herscovici** (2015), did score 2.5 points apiece to share top expert honors. Moreover, Becker managed to break 2200 after the tournament, bringing his USCF rating more in line with his 2255 FIDE rating. Joining Kanzaveli and RISC Kasparov in a five-way tie for second with 3 points each were Izumikawa, who beat Cross to finish in the money, Stein, who offed NM

Ahmad Koopal (2200), and Alsasua, who stopped Romo's near Cinderella performance.

In the Candidate Section (1600-1999), **Teri Lagier** (1864) also won in big fashion, with a perfect 4-0 score. Lagier swept through the 36-player section by beating three B-players followed by **Gary Schuster** (1860), the only other perfect score, in the final round. In contrast to the Championship Section, Schuster-Lagier was not decided until the late evening hours after both players survived a horrendous time scramble with Lagier coming out on top. This loss caused Gary to miss out on the money, as both **J.C. Kuba** (1888) and **Maurice Newton** (1816) each won their final rounds to split second and third place both with 3.5 points. Top B prize was shared by **Hossein Ameri** (1732) and the President of the new Tripple Check Chess Club of Palo Alto, **Rafael Yelluas** (1656).

Only the Reserve Section (Under 1600), saw a tie for first between **Morgan Gray** (1567) and **Rodrigo Dioso** (1364) both with 3.5 points. Close behind were **Jon Graff** (1323) and **Stephen Croft** (1184), who split third and Under 1400 prize.s

One final treat for all players was the automatic awarding of Howlett Financial & Tax Services (HFTS) Micro-Prix points. As with all Silicon Valley tournaments, Pat Howlett keeps track of each participant's result, and awards points based on twice his tournament score for a two-day event or the number of points one scores for a fast time-control event. At the end of this year, HFTS will give an additional $300 to the top points accumulator, followed by $200 for second and $100 for third place finishers. Points are tallied from any of the many regularly held Silicon Valley tournaments, and current leaders after three tournaments are as follows: Peter Yu, 18 points; Steven Lender, Burt Izumikawa and Teri Lagier, 13 points each.

White: NM Peter Yu (2360)
Black: NM Vitaly Kanzaveli (2373)
1993 Silicon Valley Championships Rd.4
English Opening

Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2

An apparent symmetrical English, although it's a little too early to be sure. Desiring to guarantee a good return on my invested weekend, I offered my fellow 2300 master a draw. To my surprise, he refused the offer stating that playing for clear first would be more worthwhile. I guess it goes back to the old saying, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." Unless you have been in such a final round situation, and I have from both sides, you cannot fully appreciate this cliché as it applies to chess.

4...Nc6 5. e3

In round two I employed the scientific Botvinnik Variation (with the pawn on e4) against fellow defending Silicon Valley co-champ Mahlon Smith and eventually won with a well orchestrated Kingside attack. This time I choose to put my pawn on e3, as the inflexible Botvinnik proves less effective against masters and the symmetrical English.

5...Nh6

Not as odd as it looks. It now became clear Black does not want a draw.

6. Nge2 Nf5

Black wants to prevent White from pushing d4. But this strange approach is at best difficult for the second player.

7. 0-0

Not quite as good is 7. b3 a6 8. Bb2 0-0 9. d3 d6 (9...Rb8 10. 0-0 b5 11. Rb1 intending Ne4 +=) 10. 0-0 Bd7 11. Qd2!? Rb8 12. Ne4 Qa5 13. Bc3 Bc3 14. Nec3 b5 15. Rfe1 Rfc8 16. Rad1 Qd8!? 27. Nd5 Qf8 leading to an unclear position, Andersson-Miles, Tilburg 1977.

7...h5

In some variations of the Botvinnik, this is good for Black as it defends against a potential Kingside onslaught by White. But here Black's intention is to be the aggressor, so much that he is willing to sacrifice normal development. IM John Watson gives 7...0-0 8. b3 b6 (8...a6 9. Rb1 Rb8 10. Bb2 d6 11. d3 Bd7 12. Nd5 Bb2 13. Rb2 +=, or here 10...b5 11. cb5 ab5 12. Ne4 Bxb2 13. Rxb2 Qb6 14. Nf4!) 9. Bb2 Bb7 10. Rb1 e6 11. Nf4 d6 12. Ne4 Bxb2 13. Rxb2 Qe7 14. Qa1! Ng7 15. h4 f5 16. Ng5 and White is clearly better as in Geller-R. Byrne, Sousse Interzonal 1967. Beginning with this apparent theoretical novelty, Kanzaveli adopts a dangerous mind set that leads him down a path of destruction.

8. a3

I didn't want to waste any time in preparing my b4 push. Had I even considered Black's next move as a normal reply, I would have opted for the more central and basic 8. d3 which defends c4.

8...h4?! 9. g4 Nd6 10. d3

Ah, now if I had only already played this I could have secured my Kingside with 10. h3. Hindsight is 20-20, another chessic cliché.

10...h3 11. Bh1 Ne5 12. Ng3 Rh4

Black has been enjoying what should best be called a "temporary initiative." These threats are one move deep and do little in producing any harmonious plan. I now decided that 13. f3 was too passive as it

READERS' GAMES

White: Vinay Bhat (1656)
Black: Joey Lonsdale (1431)
NorCal Schol Champ • 3/93

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Ne5 d6 4. Nf3 Ne4 5. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. 0-0 Be7 8. c4 Nf6 9. Re1 0-0 10. c5 Bg4 11. Be3 Qd7 12. Nbd2 Rad8 13. Qb3 Rb8 14. h3 Bh5 15. Qc2 Bg6 16. Bg6 fg6 17. a3 a5 18. Qc3 Ne4 19. Ne4 de4 20. Nd2 Rfd8 21. Ne4 Nd4 22. Rad1 Ne2 23. Re2 Qd1 24. Re1 Qd3 25. Qd3 Rd3 26. Bf4 Rc8 27. Be3 Bf6 28. Rb1 Rcd8 29. Kh2 Rd1 30. Rd1 Rd1 31. b4 Ra1 32. ba5 Ra3 33. Bd2 Ra4 34. f3 Be5 35. Kg1 Bd4 36. Kh2 Rc4 37. Bf4 Bc5 38. Bc7 Bg1 39. Kg1 Rc7 40. Kf2 Kf7 41. Ng5 Kg8 42. Ne4 h6 43. Ke3 Kf7 44. Kd4 Rc2 45. Nd6 Ke7 46. Nb7 Kd7 47. Nc5 Kc6 48. Ne6 Rg2 49. Ng7 Rg3 50. Ke4 Rh3 51. f4 Rh1 52. f5 gf5 53. Kf5 Rg1 54. Kf6 Rg7 55. Kg7 h5 56. Kg6 h4 57. a6 Kb6 58. Kg5 h3 59. Kg4 h2 60. Kg3 h1(Q) 61. a7 Ka7 62. Kf4 Qd5 63. Ke3 Qc4 64. Kd2 Qb3 65. Ke2 Qc3 66. Kf2 Qd3 67. Kg2 Qe3 68. Kh2 Qg5 69. Kh1 Kb6 70. Kh2 Kc5 71. Kh1 Kd4 72. Kh2 Ke3 73. Kh1 Kf2 74. Kh2 Qg2 0-1

White: Harish Bhat (1762)
Black: Edington Watt (1792)
Santa Clara H.S. Champ • 2/28/93

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 ed5 4. Bd3 Bd6 5. Ne2 Nf6 6. Bf4 Bg4 7. f3 Bh5 8. 0-0 0-0 9. c3 Re8 10. Nd2 Bf4 11. Nf4 Qd6 12. Nh5 Nh5 13. Qc2 h6 14. Rfe1 Nd7 15. Nf1 Nf4 16. Ne3 Nd3 17. Qd3 c6 18. Re2 c5 19. Rae1 c4 20. Qf5 Nb6 21. Nc4 Re2 22. Nd6 Re1 23. Kf2 Re7 24. Qg4 g6 25. Nf5 Re6 26. Nh6 Kg7 27. Qf4 Rf6 28. Qe5 Nc4 29. Qd5 Nb2 30. Ng4 Re6 31. Qb7 Nd3 32. Kg3 Rae8 33. Ne5 R8e7 34. Qb5 Ne5 35. de5 Re5 36. Qd3 Rg5 37. Kf2 Rge5 38. c4 Re2 39. Qe2 Re2 40. Ke2 Kf6 41. Ke3 Ke5 42. Kd3 f5 43. g3 g5 44. h4 gh4 45. gh4 Kf4 46. h5 Kf3 47. h6 f4 48. h7 Kg2 49. h8(Q) f3 50. Qf8 f2 51. Ke2 1-0

White: Kelly Cochran (1388)
Black: Rooshin Dalal (1905)
Santa Clara H.S. Champ • 2/27/93

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Bf4 d6 5. e3 0-0 6. Bc4 Nbd7 7. 0-0 Nh5 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bh4 g5 10. Bg3 Ng3 11. fg3 c5 12. Nd2 cd4 13. Qh5 Ne5 14. ed4 Bg4 15. de5 Bh5 16. e6 Bd4 17. Kh1 Bc3 18. ef7 Bf7 19. Bf7 Rf7 20. bc3 Qb6 21. c4 Raf8 22. h3 Rf1 23. Rf1 Rf1 24. Nf1 Qf2 25. Kh2 Qf1 26. a4 h5 27. a5 h4 28. gh4 Qf4 29. Kh1 Qh4 30. Kh2 g4 31. Kh1 g3 32. Kg1 Qf4 0-1

White: Rooshin Dalal (1905)
Black: Duy Ngo (1478)
Santa Clara HS Champ • 2/27/93

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nge7 4. 0-0 a6 5. Ba4 d6 6. c3 Bd7 7. d4 ed4 8. cd4 Na5 9. Re1 b5 10. Bb3 Bg4 11. Bf7 Kd7 12. Ne5 de5 13. Qg4 Kc6 14. Bd2 Kb6 15. Qe6 c6 16. Qe5 Ng6 17. Bg6 hg6 18. Ba5 Ka5 19. Qe6 Qd4 20. Qc6 Bc5 21. Qc7 Kb4 22. a3 Kb3 23. Qf7 Ka4 24. b3 Ka5 25. Qc7 Bb6 26. b4 Qb4 27. ab4 Kb4 28. Qc3 1-0

White: Pam Ruggiero (2100)
Black: Alan Stein (2245)
People's Tourney • 2/14/93

1. Nf3 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 0-0 5. 0-0 d6 6. Nc3 e5 7. d3 Nbd7 8. Qc2 a5 9. Bd2 Nc5 10. Rab1 Re8 11. e4 Nh5 12. Nd5 f5 13. Bg5 Nf6 14. Nd2 c6 15. Nf6 Bf6 16. Bf6 Qf6 17. ef5 gf5 18. Rbe1 Ne6 19. Nf3 Bd7 20. Qd2 Re7 21. Re2 Be8 22. Nh4 f4 23. Be4 Bh5 24. Ree1 Rg7 25. Kh1 Ng5 26. Rg1 Ne4 27. de4 Qh4 28. gh4 Bf3 29. Rg2 Rg2 0-1

White: Alan Stein (2245)
Black: Nick deFirmian (2610)
People's Tournament
Berkeley, CA • 2/15/93

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 Qc7 9. 0-0-0 Nbd7 10. g4 b5 11. Bf6 gf6 12. Bd3 b4 13. Nce2 Nc5 14. Kb1 Bb7 15. Ng3 d5 16. Qe3 de4 17. Ne4 0-0-0 18. Rhe1 Kb8 19. Nb3 Nb3 20. ab3 h5 21. h3 hg4 22. hg4 Rh4 23. Qg3 Rdh8 24. Rf1 Rh2 25. Qe3 R8h3 26. Qd4 Rh8 27. Nf6 Rd8 28. Qe5 Bd6 29. Qe3 Bg2 30. Rf2 Rh3 31. Qd2 Bf3 32. Rdf1 Bb7 33. Qe2 Qb6 34. Ne4 Bf8 35. Re1 Bg7 36. f5 ef5 37. gf5 Bd4 38. Rf3 Rh4 39. Rff1 Re8 40. Qg2 Ka7 41. Re2 Qa5 1/2-1/2

White: Alan Stein (2245)
Black: Michael Vasquez (1860)
People's Tourney • 2/13/93

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 de4 4. Ne4 Bd7 5. c4 Bc6 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. a3 Bc3 8. bc3 Be4 9. Nf3 c6 10. Be2 Qa5 11. Qb3 Nd7 12. 0-0 Ngf6 13. Bf4 Qb6 14. Qa2 c5 15. Rfe1 0-0 16. Rad1 Rfd8 17. h3 Rac8 18. Ng5 Qc6 19. d5 ed5 20. cd5 Bd5 21. Rd5 Nd5 22. Nf7 Nc3 23. Nh6 Kh8 24. Qg8 Rg8 25. Nf7 1-0

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The 1993 San Francisco Amateur Championship

by NM Jim Eade

Local "A" player **Ruben Catig** scored a clean sweep (5-0) and won the city's Amateur Championship. Ruben is a well known club regular at the Mechanics, which was the tournament site, and parlayed his home court advantage, along with his keen tactical eye, into a $300 payoff.

The turnout was a healthy 85 players, which was encouraging enough to the tournament director and organizer, **Mike Goodall**, to get him to commit to holding the event again next year. With this time of support from the U2000 community, we may be witnessing the birth of another annual, in the tradition of the Stamer and Capps.

One of the attractions of chess, at any level, is participating in (or watching!) a good tussle between evenly matched opponents. This tournament had it all: spirited attacks, dogged defenses and the typical ebb and flow associated with hard fought chess games. Congratulations to all.

The following is the complete list of prize winners:

First:	Ruben Catig	5-0	$300 + Trophy
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Richard Yang		4.5-.5	$150 + Trophy
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White: Ken White (1511)
Black: Chuck Robbins (1694)
[C02]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Qb6 6.Bc6 bc6 7.b3 cd4 8.Nd4 Ba6 9.Bb2 Bb4 10.Nd2 Nh6 11.c3 Bc5 12.Qf3 Bd4 13.cd4 Nf5 14.Qc3 0-0 15.g3 Rfc8 16.Nf3 c5 17.Qd2 Rc7 18.Rc1 Rac8 19.Rc2 Bb5 20.b4 cb4 21.Rc7 Rc7 22.Qb4 Rc2 23.Ba3 h6 24.Qb3 Re2 25.Kd1 Rf2 26.Bc5 Qa5 27.Bb4 Qa2 28.Qa2 Ra2 29.Re1 Rf2 0-1

Here is Ruben's last round win.

White: Scott Wilson (1729)
Black: Ruben Catig (1900)
[C00]

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 c5 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 e5 6.c3 Nf6 7.d3 Be7 8.Nbd2 h6 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Be6 11.Ne1 Qd7 12.Kh2 g5 13.f3 0-0-0 14.Nc4 Rdg8 15.Be3 Nh5 16.b4 f5 17.ef5 Bf7 18.b5 Nd8 19.b6 a6 20.d4 Qa4 21.Nd6 Bd6 22.Qc2 ed4 23.Bf2 Qc4 24.f4 gf4 25.Qe4 fg3 26.Kh1 gf2 27.Rf2 Ng3 0-1

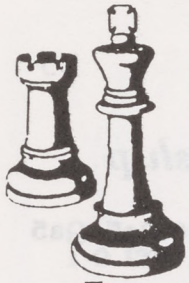
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Jew (1961). Last year's Junior High Champ **Philip Dardik** (1910) came in a strong third with 4-1, winning on tie-breaks over the other five four-point scorers. Bellarmine's team captain **Rooshin Dalal** (1905) came in 4th, followed by his younger brother **Parin Dalal** (1579). In sixth place was **Matthew Gross** (1747) of San Jose Academy. **David Bunde** (1718) of Independence came in 7th. **Brian Jew** (1961) tied for 8th-10th with **Harish Bhat** (1782) and **David Peterson** (2166), last year's winner of this tournament, each scoring 3.5-1.5.

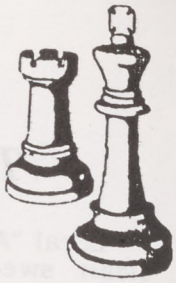
Going into the last round Bellarmine, Lowell, and Lynnbrook High Schools were within 1/2 point of each other. Many-time champion **Lowell** persevered to clinch first place with 15 points. **Bellarmine** came in second with 14. **Lynnbrook** was third with 12.5 points. Tied for 4th were **Gunderson**, coached by Bill North, and **San Jose High Academy**, each scoring 11 points: Gunderson nudged out SJHA on tie-breaks

Each year the Norcal Scholastics grow in size and prestige, and this is now one of the premeire scholastic tournaments in the United States. When the National Elementary Championships come to San Jose in 1994, we will be building a solid base for scholastics in Northern California and the west for many years to come.





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SHORT TOURNAMENT REPORTS

BANK OF AMERICA CLUB
San Francisco

Fourteen players competed in the 1993 Spring Rouser/Rich Man's Tournament held on April 25, 1993. As is always the case, Club President Joe Puechner magnificently directed the tournament. The participation was heavy on the top and proved to be an experience for all of the lower-rated players to match their wits with The Master and Experts. True to the club's mission to provide chess as fun and leisure activity to all, no one left without a prize. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three finishers, and the rest of the players won various computer and book prizes. Additionally, all non-cash finishers were eligible to win a deluxe Staunton-style wooden chess set. Brian Jew was the lucky winner of the set and a roll-up board.

Winning clear first was Alan Stein with a perfect 4-0 score. Tied for second place were Raymond Rotor and Thomas H. Willis, 3-1 each. Brian Jew and Steven Lender tied for fourth with 2.5 each.

In response to player demand, all future tournaments will be USCF rated for USCF players. Non-USCF players will still be allowed to play, and they will be assigned a club rating for pairing purposes and prize distribution.

BURLINGAME CLUB

The Winter Swiss tournament was held from February 18-March 18, 1993. Scott Wilson directed the tournament and below are the winners:

Group I:

1st: Guy Batraski (2104)	4.5-0.5
1st Expert: Allen Ong (2082) 4-1	
2nd Expert: Modest Lyasko (2164)	4-1
1st A: Rene Liebl (1930)	3-2
2nd A: Elie Khano (1901)	3-2
1st B: Raphael Yelluas (1708)	3-2
2nd B: Mike Ketchum (1796)	3-2

Group II

1st: Robert Yokota (1696)	4.5-0.5
1st: C: Roman Suguitan (1604)	4.5-0.5
2nd C: Clarence Beale (1522)	3.5-1.5
3rd C: Ken White (1529)	3.5-1.5
1st D/E: Arlene Motschenbacher (1352)	2-3
2nd D/E: Kent Rose (1172)	2-3
1st Unr.: Gerry Manis	2-3

Top Junior: Ethen Batraski

Following the five-week tournament the club held a two-week Quick Chess Swiss. The format was 6 games per evening (two games with each of three opponents) at Game/15 each. It sounds like a lot of chess for one night, but it's only three hours of play, so you can still get home for the 11:00 news. The tournament was well received with over fifty players competing.

Alan Stein (2188) had a great performance, scoring a perfect 12-0! An excellent five-minute player, he showed he has the same talent for Game/15. His super-human result earned him a handsome trophy and a one-year subscription to Inside Chess.

The rest of the trophy winners were:

1st Expert: Vincent Stevens (2000)	8-4
2nd Expert: Jim Seals (2051)	7-5
1st A: Rene Liebl (1930)	7.5-4.5
2nd A: Mark Drury (1921)	7-5
1st B: Colin Hurt (1789)	8-4
2nd B: McLean Hughes (1685)	7.5-4.5
1st C: Melvin Roberts (1500)	6-6
2nd C: Roman Suguitan (1604)	6-6
1st D: Gerry Manis (1300)	4.5-7.5
1st E: Chris Campbell (1203)	3-9
1st Unr.: Milenko Brekalo	5-7

The Spring Swiss five-round tournament was held from April 8-May 6, 1993. Sixty players competed in two sections, with Scott Wilson directing. Bruce Hansen (2012) won the Top Section scoring 4.5-0.5. John Romo (2184) won 1st Expert with 4-1, and Rich Phillips (2133) came in second with 3-2. 1st "A" was won by Herb Rosenbaum (1836), 3.5-1.5. In second place was Jordy Mont-Reynaud (1928), 3-2. Bill Hepner and Colin Hurt (1796), each scoring 2.5-2.5., tied for first in the "B" section. Roger Notmeyer (1769) came in third place.

In the Second Section David Alzofon (1591) earned top-place honors on tie-breaks, scoring 4-1 with Alfred Hansen (1659) and Richard Fulmer (1578). Bruce Jewett (1600) and Ken White (1536) tied for second-place in the "C" section. Chris Campbell (1190) scored 2.5-2.5 to win clear first in the "D" Section. 1st "E" went to Kent Rose (1157) with 2-3, and 1st Unrated was John Roberts, 2.5-2.5.

DAVIS CLUB

The Davis Chess Club just south of Sacramento is up and running again thanks to Club President Dave Rosenberg, whose organization and leadership have quickly

built it to over sixty strong. The club recently relocated to larger facilities at the Davis Senior Center at 6th & A Sts., where it meets Thursday evenings.

The club held its first USCF-rated event on March 23, a five-round quick chess (game in fifteen minutes) Swiss. After five rounds there was a five-way logjam in first place between James MacFarland (2237), Steve Sosnick (2155), David Oppedal (2081), Stewart Katz (1909), and Peter Kent (1850). each with four out of five points. Since a trophy—and pride!—was at stake, a five-minute play-off was held to determine a clear winner.

The first play-off eliminated Kent and Sosnick, but MacFarland, Oppedal and Katz were still tied. Bloodied but unbowed, the three survivors plunged into a second play-off. In the dramatic conclusion, David Oppedal swept his opponents and took home the trophy for 1993 Davis Quick Chess Champion.

Top junior winner was Jonathan Styne (Unr.), playing in his first ever USCF-rated tournament. Twenty-four players participated. The tournament was directed by Carolyn Withgitt.

KOLTY CLUB
Campbell, California

Barry Wayne Curto reports winners of the Winter Round Robin Tournament that kicked off 1993 at the Campbell Club.

Section 1: 1st: John Simpson (2069); 2nd: Kevin Ziegler (2115)

Section 2: 1st: Doug Dekker (2135); Lou Lucia (1920)

Section 3: 1st: Craig Smith (1713); John Bulash (1824)

Section 4: 1st: Randy Christopher (1720); Gary Schuster (1844)

Section 5: 1st: William Shauck (1871); Phil Herz (1500)

Section 6: 1st: Jeff Amacker (1437); Carl Odegaard (Unr.)

MODESTO CLUB
Ceres, California

Knightlife Chess Tournaments presented the latest "Thursday Knight Fights" with Joseph de Leon presiding at "ringside!" The five-round Open was held from March 18-April 15, 1993. Twenty-seven players competed, including four experts. The club welcomes its newest Club Tournament Director, Mark E. Davis. Joseph de Leon gave the following report:

THE WINNERS

Open Champion Section

1st: Ed Elizondo (2077) of Turlock 4.5-0.5

2nd-3rd: Jose Ignacio Guerrero (1762) of Modesto 4-1 and Corbett Carroll (1533) of Big Oak Flat

Under 1700 Section

1st: Corbett Carroll (1533) 4-1

2nd: Bill R. Thomas (1310) of Merced 3.5-1.5

Under 1300 Section

1st: Frank T. Fusco (1202) of Modesto 3-2

Best Game Plaque

Ed Elizondo (2077) for his Round Three win over Kevin P. Storms (1695) in the game below. Incidentally, both Ed and Kevin were co-champs in our last Thursday Knight Fights!

Some of the highlights of the tournament: Round 3: "Iron Mike" Michael J. Pittman (1371) upsets "Baad" Brad Smith (1694)!!!

Round 4: "Crusher" Corbett Carroll (1531) out-points Kevin "Desert" Storms (1695) for a TKO!! Meanwhile, light-weight "Mauler" Mauricio Melendez (1417) "out-boxes" "Smoking Joe" Joseph de Leon (1900) with a "Mambo-Combo" and wins the full point!

Here then, while being held against the ropes, with a stunning queen sacrifice, "Fast Eddie" Ed Elizondo swindles the game with his usual brilliant play!! Take notes from this "master-candidate", PLEASE!!

White: Ed Elizondo (2077)
Black Kevin P. Storms (1695)
Reti Opening [A06]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 Nf6 3.Nbd2 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Be2 e6 6.c3 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.Ne1 Nc6 9.g3 b5 10.f4 Qb6 11.Kh1 de4 12.de4 Rd8 13.Qc2 e5 14.Ng2 c4 15.f5 Bb7 16.g4 Nd4?! 17.cd4 ed4 18.Bf3 d3 19.Qd1 Nd7 20.Rb1 Ne5 21.Qe1 gf5 22.gf5 b4 23.Qg3 f6 24.Nf4 Kh8 25.Ne6 Rg8 26.Qh4 Qc6 27.Bg2 c3 28.bc3 bc3 29.Rf4 cd2 30.Bd2 Rac8?? 31.Qh7!! 1-0

WALNUT CREEK QUADS

The Theatre Caffe on Main St. was the site of quads held on Sunday, March 21, 1993. Twenty-four players competed. All but one of the quads had perfect-score winners. In the first quad Ahmad Koopal (2200) outgunned the competition. In Quad II Sacramento player Stewart Katz won handily with his perfect 3-0. Sonoma's Richard McCullough (1693) obviously was on a hot streak in March. He won Quad III

with 3-0 and two weekends later he was a top finisher at the LERA Peninsula Class! Dragan Arsic (Unr.) won Quad III, giving up only one draw to Aleksandar Gacic (1280). Thomas Preston (1450) won the fifth quad and Christopher Johnson (1242) won Quad VI.

Eric Baudry directed the Theatre Caffe Quads held on April 18. Quads are held every other week at this very pleasant venue. While enjoying a good game of chess, you can indulge yourself in a fresh cappucino, a croissant, or sandwich from a European-style cafe menu.

Mitch Vergara (2036) won the first quad, giving up only a draw to Romulo Fuentes (2159). In the second quad Tom Stevens (2028) was the top-scorer with two points. John Easterling (1693) had the only perfect score of the day, easily winning Quad III. In the fourth quad there was a three-way tie for first between Robert Howland (1628), Tom Preston (1441), and Michael Bennett (Unr.), each scoring two points.

Future quads will be offered at the 1/2K rating level as well as the standard full K. Players can exercise the 1/2K option, maybe not winning as many points, but not losing as many either!

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We "B" players can often benefit from the expertise of Masters, and we appreciate the effort these players make in contributing to the CCJ. But one really must call attention to a comment by Peter Yu as an example of personal preference masquerading as theoretical profundity.

In the March/April issue, on page 19, Peter refers to 3...Bc5 as "more accurate" than 3...Nf6 after 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4. Come on. 3...Nf6 is played at the highest levels, so it should be "accurate" enough for the rest of us. It is Peter's summary of the line that lacks accuracy. After 3...Nf6 Peter gives 4. Ng5 d5 5. ed5 Nd5 6. Nf7, the legendary "Fried Liver Attack." OK, this attack is considered playable by theory, though 6. d4 is more straightforward. But who really walks into it with 5...Nd5 in the first place? 5...Na5 is the main line, and there are other playable moves also.

David P. Babcock

Boulder Creek, CA

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THE BENKO GAMBIT AND 6.f4 IN THE NAJDORF
by NM Renard Anderson

White: GM Walter Browne (2613)
Black: NM Renard Anderson (2383)
Capps Memorial, 11/15/92
Benko Gambit, 5.f3 [A57]

Annotated by NM Renard Anderson

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cb5 a6 5. f3 ab5

Alternatives include: A. The traditional set-up 5...g6 6. e4 d6. B. 5...e6, pressuring White's center for immediate complications while risking very awkward development. C. 5...Qa5 6. Bd2 Qb5 7. Bc3 (7. e4!?) Qb7 8. e4 d6 9. Nd2 g6 was tried in Dlugy-Alburt, US CH match, 1991.

6. e4 Qa5

Other ideas are: A. 6...e6 7. Bb5 Ba6, planning ...c4 and perhaps later planting a knight on d3. B. 6...d6 7. Bb5 Bd7, intending ...g6, as mentioned by Fedorowicz in his book.

7. Bd2 b4!

7...Qb6? 8. Nc3 b4? 9. Na4 Qa5 10. Nc5! winning.

8. Na3 d6 9. Nc4 Qc7

9...Qa7?!

10. a3

Seemingly the most thematic, planning to break up the queenside to wrest control of the a1-h8 diagonal, but not the only reasonable plan.

10...e6

Gelfand-Adams, the final round of Tilburg 1992, continued 10...ba3!? 11. Ra3 Ra3 12. Na3 g6 13. Nb5 Qb7 14. Qa4 Nbd7 15. Ba5 Bh6 16. Nc7 Kf8 17. b3 Kg7 18. Be2 Ne5, and Adams went on to win. Surely someone will imporve on White's doubtful plan of Ba5 and Nc7.

11. de6 Be6?!

11...fe6 12. ab4 Ra1 13. Qa1 d5 looks OK to me.

12. ab4 Ra1 13. Qa1 d5 14. ed5 Nd5 15. Qa4!

A. 15. bc5?! Bc5 16. b4 Nb4 17. Qg7 Bd4! B. 15. Qa5?! cb4 16. Qc7 Nc7 17. Bf4 Nba6 18. Nd6 Kd7. C. 15. b5?! Bd6 16. Bd3 Nb4 17. Bb4 Bc4! 18. Bc4 cb4 19. b3 Be5 with advantage to Black is mentioned in Informant 53.

15...Nd7

Not 15...Bd7?? 16. Qa5, and now ...cb4 is impossible.

16. Qa8 Nb8 17. Qa4 Nd7 18. Qa8 Nb8 19. b5?

In postmortem analysis, Browne found the paradoxical 19. Ne3!! Nb4 20. Bb5, with a clear edge for White, as Black's king is badly placed after 20...Kd8.

19...Bd6 20. b6

Trying to gain some time.

20...Nb6 21. Nd6 Qd6 22. Bb5 Ke7 23. Qb7 N8d7 24. Bd7 Nd7 25. Bc3 Bd5 26. Qb5 Ra8 27. Kf2

Here I was offered a draw. After 15 minutes or so of weighing various factors and not finding a forced win, I accepted, although after the obvious 27...Ra1 28. h4 (intending Rh3), Black's edge in development still looks significant. Rather drawish is 28...f6 29. Rh3 Kf7 30. Ne2. Much stronger is 28...Qe6!, threatening ...Bc4 and ...Rf1. If 29. Qe2 Qe2! (At the time, I did not fully appreciate the strength of this move.) 30.Ke2 Bc4!? 31. Kf2 f6!?with the idea of winning the b2 pawn by Nb6-d5xBc3.]

Drawn.

White: NM Steven Cross (2305)
Black: NM Renard Anderson (2383)
LERA, Sunnyvale CA, 3/28/93
Benko Gambit, 5.f3 [A57]

Annotated by NM Renard Anderson

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cb5 a6 5. f3 ab5 6. e4 Qa5 7. Bd2 b4 8. Na3 d6 9. Nc4 Qc7 10. Bd3!? g6 11. Bf4 Nh5 12. Be3 Bg7 13. g4?!

13. f4;13. Qd2;13. Ne2.

13...Nf6 14. h4.

14. h3 h5.

14...h5 15. g5 Nfd7 16. f4 Nb6 17. Qc2 N8d7

Already, I prefer Black's position since the White kingside pawns seem to lack support for an attack which merely leaves the kingside rather loose. Also possible is 17...Bg4!?

18. Nf3 Nc4 19. Bc4 0-0 20. 0-0 Nb6 21. Nd2 Nc4 22. Nc4 Ba6 23. Rf2

23. Rab1 Bc4 24. Qc4 Qa7.

23...Bc4 24. Qc4 Qd7 25. f5 b3!

25...Be5 26.R1f1!

26. Qb3

26. a4? Be5; 26. a3? Ra4, or 26...Be5; 26. f6!? ef6 27. gf6 Qg4 28.Kf1 (28.Rg2 Of3) 28...Bf6 29. Rf6 Ra2 30. Rb1 (30. Ra2 ba2 31. Qa2 Qe4 32. Bg5 Re8, with an attack on the unsheltered White king.) 30...Qh4 31. Rf4 Qh1 32. Bg1 Rb8, foillowed by ...Rh4!

26...Rfb8 27. Qd3 Rb2 28. Rb2 Bb2 29. Rb1 Be5 30. a3 Qa7 31. Kf2 Qa4

31...gf5 32. ef5 Qa4!?

32. Rb7 gf5 33. Re7 Rb8!

33...Qe4 34. Qe4 fe4 35. Re5 de5 36. Bc5 Ra5

34. Bc1

34. Re5 Rb2.

34...fe4 35. Qe2 e3 36. Kg2 Qf4 37. Qf3 Qh2 38. Kf1 e2 39. Qe2 Qh1 40. Kf2 Qc1 0-1

White: Zoltan Almasi
Black: NM Renard Anderson
New York Open, 4/8/93
Sicilian Najdorf 6.f4 [B93]

Annotated by NM Renard Anderson

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f4 e5 7. Nf3 Nbd7 8. a4

8. Bc4 b5 9. Bd5 Rb8 10. Ng5 Nd5 11. Qd5 Qe7 12. 0-0 h6 13. Nf3 b4 14. Ne2 Bb7 15. Qd1 (15. Qc4 was employed against me on some computer network, but 15...d5! is a good reply.) 15...Nf6 16. c3 Be4 17. cb4 Qa7 18. Kh1 Qb7= Korchnoi-Hort, 1986.

8...Be7 9. Bd3

9. Bc4 is just as popular.

9...0-0 10. 0-0 ef4 11. Kh1 Nc5 12. Bf4 Bd7 13. Qe1.

13. Qd2 (13. Qe2 Rc8 14. a5—Informant 44/305; 14.Bc4—Informant 50/284) Rc8 14. Nd4 Re8 15. Be3 (15. h3) Ng4 16. Bg1 Bg5 17. Qe2 Ne5 18. h3 Ne6 19. Nd5 Nd4 20. Bd4 Be6 21. Nf4 Bf4!? 22. Rf4 Qc7 23. Raf1 Re7?! (f6) 24. Bc3 Qc5 25. Qd2 b5, etc. (1-0, 39) de Firmian-Anderson, Campbell, CA 9/4/89.

13...Rc8 14. Bg5 Be6 15. Rd1 Qc7 16. Qg3 Kh8 17. Qh4 Ng8 18. Be2 Bf6??

18...h6!?, intending to exchange on g5, followed by ...Qe7 with a defensible position.

19. Bf6! Nf6 20. Ng5 Ncd7 21. e5 de5 22. Nce4??

22. Rd7! Qd7 23. Rf6? Bf5 24. Rf5 Qf5 25. Bd3 e4 26. Nce4 h6 is unclear. Unfortunately, White could break through with 23. Nce4! If 23...Bf5 24. Nf6 gf6 25. Nh7 Bh7 26. Bd3, winning.

22...Qc2 23. Bd3?

23. Nf6 Nf6 24. Bd3 Rc4!?

23...Qa4 24. Rd2 h6 25. Rdf2 Ne4 26. Be4 Bd5 27. Qg4 Be4 28. Nf7 Kh7 29. Qh3 Bg6 30. b3 Qb5

Or 30...Qc6

31. Ng5 Kh8 32. Qd7.

Naturally, I instantly replied...

32...Qf1! 0-1

White: O. Tonsingh
Black: NM Renard Anderson
New York Open, 4/18/92
Sicilian Najdorf 6.f4 [B93]

Annotated by NM Renard Anderson

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Qb6 8. Qd2 Qb2 9. Rb1 Qa3 10. f5 Nc6 11. fe6 fe6 12. Nc6 bc6 13. e5 de5 14. Bf6 gf6 15. Ne4 Qa2 16. Rd1 Be7 17. Be2 0-0 18. 0-0 Ra7 19. Qh6

19. Nf6? Bf6 20. Rf6 Rf6 21. Qg5 Rg6 22. Rd8 Kf7

19...Qc2 20. Nf6?

20. Bd3 Qb3

20...Bf6 21. Rf6 Qc5 22. Kh1 Rg7 23. Qh4 Bd7 24. h3

24. Ba6 Qe7!?

24...a5 25. Bg4 Qe7 26. Be6 Be6 27. Rf8 Kf8 28. Rd8 Kf7 29. Qh5 Kf6 30. Qh6 Kf5 31. Qh5 Rg5

31....Qg5!?

32. Rf8 Ke4 33. Qf3 Kd4 34. Rd8 Bd5 35. Qd1 Kc5 36. Qg1 Kc4 37. Qf1 Kb4 38. Rb8 Kc5 39. Qc1 Kd6

Out of the blizzard at last!

40. Rb2 Qg7 0-1

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CalChess is proud to announce that two local young players, **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** of Palo Alto and **Jennie Frenklakh** of Monterey, have been nominated ;by the USCF to represent the United States at the World Youth Championships in Slovakia this July. Jordy will compete in the Boys Under 10 category, in which he tied for ninth place last year. Jennie plays in the Girls' Under 14 category. Among her recent accomplishments is placing first in Class A at the Western Class Championships in Concord, April 9-11.

Last year, our local chess community raised several hundred dollars for the Chess Trust, which directed 100% of donations toward the travel expenses of these players. Can we help these kids out this year as well? By the way, NM Gabriel Sanchez is making his own personal donation: He will be accompanying Jordy as coach at his own expense. If you are interested in helping these endeavors, please send a contribution, earmarked for the player, to the U. S. Chess Trust, attn: Bob Nasiff, USCF, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553.

Your tax-deductible contribution not only helps these players, but helps our nation to remain competitive in world class events. Thanks for your contribution!

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White: Smith, Craig (1750)
Black: Antonio Garizaldy (1698)
"B" Section Brilliancy
Caro-Kann [B14]

Annotated by NM Tom Dorsch

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 cd5 4. c4 e6 5. c5

The strategic underpinnings of this variation of the Swedish variation of the Caro-Kann are deceptively straightforward. White creates a queenside pawn majority, converts it into a passer, and queens a pawn. Black's strategic mission is equally clear: he must use the tempo ceded by White to obtain his pawn majority to organize a vigorous counterattack in the center with ...e5.

5...Nc6 6. Bb5 Bd7 7. Bc6 Bc6

White understands that in this type of position the Black knight on c6 is far more valuable than his bishop. For that reason, Black often delays development of his Nb8.

8. Nf3 Nf6 9. Nc3 Be7 10. b4 a6 11. 0-0 b6 12. Ne5

It is easy to see who is making progress. White has castled and is moving his queenside majority, while Black's ...e5 is completely stifled.

12...Rc8 13. Rb1 Nd7 14. Nc6 Rc6 15. Qa4 Qc8 16. Bf4 b5 17. Nb5!

The pawn roller is ominous. Accompaniment for the rest of the game is pure Tchaikovsky, first "March of the Toy Soldiers" from the Nutcracker Suite, then the cannon finale from "1812 Overture."

17...ab5 18. Qb5 Bf6 19. Bd6 Be7 20. Bg3 0-0 21. a4 Bf6 22. Bd6 Re8 23. Rfd1 Be7 24. Bg3 Nf6 25. f3 Nh5 26. Bf2 f5 27. a5 Qc7 28. Qa4 e5 29. b5 Rg6 30. b6 Qc6 31. Qc6 Rc6 32. a6

The standard formulation is that two passed pawns on the sixth are already worth more than a rook, because no rook can stop them from promoting.

32...Nf4 33. Kh1 ed4 34. Bd4 Ne6 35. Re1 Kf7 36. Re6 Ke6 37. a7 Rcc8 38. b7 Rb8 39. c6 Bd6 40. Re1 Kf7 41. Re8 Re8 42. a8(Q) Bb4 43. Qe8 1-0

LERA is one of those tournaments that still flirts with infinite time controls, and sometimes there are long waits between rounds, providing opportunities for five-minute competitions. The game below illustrates just how intense a "casual" five-minute game can become.

White: Mark Gagnon (2147)
Black: Robert Kichinski (2237)
Evans Gambit [C52]

Annotated by NM Robert Kichinski

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. b4 Bb4 5. c3 Ba5 6. d4 ed4 7. 0-0 d6 8. cd4 Bb6

The "normal position" of the Evans.

9. Nc3 Bg4 10. Bb5 Kf8

Played by Steinitz against Blackburne, London 1986. (See Masters of the Chessboard, Reti.)

11. Bc6 bc6 12. Ba3 Bf3 13. gf3 Ne7 14. f4 Ng6 15. f5 Nf4

Threatening 16...Qg5 followed by mate.

16. Qg4 g5 17. Rad1 h5 18. Qg3 Ba5

Black plans to play 19...Bc3 followed by 20...Ne2.

19. Kh1 h4 20. Qf3 Qf6 21. e5 Qf5 22. ed6 Bc3 23. dc7 Kg7 24. Qc3 Ne2

The white queen must continue to guard f3 since 25...Qf3 is mate.

25. Qc6 Rac8

Planning 26...Rc7 27.Qc7 Qf3 mate.

26. Bd6 Rh6 27. Be5 Kh7 28. Qb7 Rb6 29. Qg2 h3 30. Qd5

At last, peace!

30...Rd6!

A rude awakening. 31.Qd6 allows 31...Qf3 mate. While 31. Bd6 surrenders the queen.

31. Qb7 Rc7! 32. Qa8

32.Qh8.

32...Rd8!! 0-1

This wins the queen at least. Mark stared at the position for half a minute, then his flag fell.

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Jew (1961). Last year's Junior High Champ **Philip Dardik** (1910) came in a strong third, with 4-1 winning on tie-breaks over the other five four point scorers. Bellarmine's team captain **Rooshin Dalal** (1905) came in 4th, followed by his younger brother **Parin Dalal** (1579). In sixth place was **Matthew Gross** (1747) of San Jose Academy. **David Bunde** (1718) of Independence came in 7th. **Brian Jew** (1961) tied for 8th-10th with **Harish Bhat** (1782) and **David Peterson** (2166), each scoring 3.5-1.5.

Going into the last round Bellarmine, Lowell, and Lynnbrook High Schools were within half a point of each other. Many-time champion **Lowell** persevered to clinch first place with 15 points. **Bellarmine** came in second with 14 points. **Lynnbrook** was third with 12.5 points. Tied for 4th were **Gunderson** and **San Jose High Academy**, each scoring 11 points: Gunderson nudged out SJHA on tie-breaks.

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24.Nde4

Returning the piece is the prudent course of action.

24...Nc4 25.Qc4 fe4 26.Ne4 Qc7 27.Qc2 Bh2 28.Kf2 Be4?

The blotch on the canvas. 28...Rf5! is extremely dangerous for White, for example, 29.Be3 Qe5! or 29. g4 Rf3 both look like winners to me.

29.Qe4 Rf5 30.g4 Qg3 31.Ke2 Rd8 32.gf5 1-0

What a struggle!

White: Haryanto Daud (2162)
Black: Jim Eade (2310)
[A08]

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bd6 4.0-0 Ne7 5.d3 c5 6.e4 Nbc6 7.Qe2 f6 8.c3 d4 9.Nbd2 Rb8 10.Nc4 Bc7 11.a4 a6 12.cd4 cd4 13.a5 Na5 14.Na5 Ba5 15.Nd4 Bb6 16.Nc2 e5 17.Be3 Be6 18.Ra3 Rc8 19.Rd1 Be3 20.Ne3 Nc6 21.Ni5 Nd4 22.Nd4 Qd4 23.Bh3 Bh3 24.Qh5 Ke7 25.Qh3 Rc2 26.Qf5 g6 27.Qf3 Rhc8 28.Ra5 Qb2 29.Rd5 Rc1 30.Rc1 Qc1 0-1

White: Mikulas Manik 2387
Black: Richard Koepcke 2375
Caro Kann Defense [B17]

Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

Prior to the match I had planned to play relatively sharp openings, in the event our team was overmatched as it was last year. After the respective teams were assembled, it was clear that neither side would enjoy a decisive advantage on a particular set of boards, though the South enjoyed a 200-point rating differential on the bottom four boards. Therefore I decided to take a relatively safer course with the Black pieces.

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 de4 4. Ne4 Nd7

This line has the advantage of being less worked out than its counterpart 4...Bf5. While avoiding the structural weaknesses associated with the "Dynamic Caro Kann," 4...Nf6. After all, if Black wants to take early risks, then perhaps he should not be playing the Carol Kann.

5. Bc4 Ngf6 6. Ng5 e6 7. Qe2 Nb6 8. Bb3 h6 9. N5f3 c5

9...a5 is the main alternative. I prefer not to cede the b5 square without a similar concession from Black.

10. Bf4 Nbd5 11. Bg3!?

A new move, probably the result of at-the-board inspiration. Up till now, White had been playing quickly. On this move, he thought for ten minutes, indicating that he was not familiar with the position. White normally plays 11.Be5 here.

11...Qa5 12. Nd2

12.c3 is refuted by 12...Nc3. Now Black is at his first decision point. With White's queen bishop deployed at g3, 12...cd followed by ...Bc5 and ...0-0 suggests itself. Had White played 11.Be5, this plan would be extremely risky, as he could reply with Ngf3, 0-0-0, followed by the pawn push g4-g5. Since the d-pawn cannot be held in any event, I decided to let White lose time with a pawn capture.

12...b5 13. dc5 Bc5 14. Ngf3 0-0 15. 0-0 Ba6

A prophylactic maneuver aimed at an eventual Nc4-e5.

16. c4 bc4 17. Nc4 Nb6

Consistent with the aforementioned strategy, but also an unnecessary decentralization of a well-placed knight. 17...Qd8 or ...Rac8 would be sufficient to maintain equality.

18. Rac1

The queen exchange, 18. Na5 Be2 19. Rfc1 Rc8 20. Ne5 Bb5 does not lead to a substantive advantage for White.

18...Nc4?

Maintaining tension with 18...Rac8 would have been better.

19. Bc4 Bc4 20. Rc4 Be7

The self pin, 20...Rac8 21. Rfc1 Qa6 22. Qc2 would prove fatal for Black.

21. b3

Stopping to defend the pawn. White allows Black to reestablish parity on the c-file. Perhaps 21. Qc2 is worth a try, though after 21...Qa2 22. Ne5 Qa6 23.Nc6 Nd5, it's not clear that White's attack is worth a pawn.

21...Rac8 22. Rfc1 Qa6 23. a4!

After 23.Qc2 Rc4 24. Qc4 Qc4 25.bc Ne4 or 25. Nc4 Rd8, White's advantage is minimal. Now White is threatening to unpin the rook and thereby secure the c-file.

23...Nd5 24. Nd4?

Missing a chance to compel Black to enter a bad endgame. Correct is 24.Kf1, after which Black is forced to cede the c-file. 24...Rc4 25.Qc4 Qc4 (...Qb7 26.Nd4) 26.Rc4 f6 27.Nc6 e5 28.Ne7 Nd7 29.Rc7 with a substantial advantage.

24...Bf6?

Returning the favor. Better was 24...Nb6. I rejected this move believing that 25.Ne6? fe 26.Qe6 Kh7 27.Qe7 Nc4 28.Rc4 was untenable, owing to White's mate threats on the kingside. However, on closer examination it is White who is playing for a draw after 28...Rae8. Therefore, he would have nothing better than to transpose into an equal queen and minor piece ending with 25.Rc8 Rc8 26.Rc8 Qc8 27. h3 Nd5 =.

25. Nb5 Rc4 26. Qc4 Qb7 27. Qc6 Qc6 28. Rc6 a5

If Black defends passively with 28...Ra8, White will almost certainly win the pawn under more favorable circumstances. The text will allow Black to activate his rook after White vacates the c-file.

29. Ra6 Rc8 30. h3 Rc1 31. Kh2 Rb1 32. Ra5 Rb3

White's outside passed pawn gives him the advantage, but the relative activity of Black's pieces allow him to stay within the drawing zone.

33. Ra8 Kh7 34. Nd6 Kg6 35. a5 Ra3 36. a6?

Giving up the passed pawn without a fight. White probably discounted the following move as a blunder.

36...Nc7 37. Ra7 Na6 38. Nf7

There is nothing better. White cannot cover a2, a4, and a1 while simultaneously attacking the knight on a6 before White can unpin it.

38...Ra2 39. Ne5 Kf5 40. Ng4 Nb4

I offered a draw here. Perhaps unwilling to admit that his advantage was gone, Manik played on for a few more moves.

41. Ne3 Kg6 42. Rd7 Ra5 43. f4 Ra3 44. Ng4 Rd3 45. Nf6 Kf6 46. Bh4 1/2

White: FM Matt Beelby (2364)
Black: NM Peter Yu (2345)
1993 North-South Match, Board 3

Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7

Transposing from an English Opening to the King's Indian.

5. Be2 0-0 6. Nf3 e5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. b4

The Bayonet Attack, White wastes no time in mobilizing his Queenside. This all-or-nothing approach is seen just slightly less often than either 9. Ne1 or Nd2. Black must immediately start attacking White's Kingside to avoid getting mauled over. This classical, cut-throat contest is rarely more epitomized than in the following game.

9...Nh5

The best way to initiate counterplay. This active square allows the Knight to hop to f4 while simultaneously paving a way for the f-pawn. By comparison, 9...Ne8 and ...Nd7 are more passive. Other alternatives are playable, but less thematic:

a) 9...a5 tries to break up White's pawn advance before it gets organized gathers momentum. The safest continuation, 10. ba5 c5 11. Bd2, is supposedly good for White, although practical tests are lacking. In my opinion, Black still retains his Kingside chances while White's queenside plans have been somewhat altered (for better or worse).

b) 9...c6 has been tried by French GM Y. Murey, and seems like another reasonable attempt at stalling White's queenside pawn storm. 10. Nd2 a5 transposes into lines after 9. Nd2, as does 10. dc6 bc6 11. Nd2. One unique and critical continuation that does arise is 10. dc6 bc6 11. Bg5 intending c5 with an unclear game. Black might be best off avoiding the whole mess with 10...Nc6 11. Rb1 Bg4 12. Be3 Re8 with a level game.

10. c5!?

The most direct idea developed Dutch master Van Scheltinga. Less precise are the overly ambitious 10. Nd2?! or the compromising g3. For example, 10. Nd2 Nf4! 11. a4 f5! 12. Bf3 g5! 13. ef5 Nf5 14. g3 Nh3+ 15. Kg2 Qd7! 16. Nb3 Nd4 and Black has the advantage, as in Petrosian-Rashkovsky, USSR 1974. Or if 10. g3 f5 11. Ng5 Nf6 12. f3 c6, Black has to be careful but he'll have an easier time opening up White's Kingside.

10...Nf4

Possibly better is 10...h6, waiting to see what White does. 10...h6 11. Nd2 will allow ...Nf4 followed by a quick ...g5. Likewise, 10...h6 11. g3 f5 12. Nd2 Nf6 13. f3 h5! 14. Nc4 fe4! 15. fe4 Bh3 gives Black much Kingside play. The text may be premature as it gives White the opportunity to exchange off Black's aggressor with a previously undeveloped piece. This sensible continuation is exactly what FM Beelby had in mind.

11. Bf4 ef4 12. Qb3

An apparent theoretical novelty! I was most afraid of 12. Rc1 or Qd2, after which I felt White had a comfortable game and Black's attack is somewhat dampened. However, according to opening books, neither approach is proven better for the first player. The main line, 12. Rc1 h6 13. h3 g5 14. a4 Ng6 takes us back into a classical KID struggle of each side trying for the opposing Kingside or Queenside finish lines. Similarly, 12. Qd2 h6 13. Rad1 g5 14. e5 g4 15. ed6 cd6 16. Ne1 Ng6 and Black has reached a dynamic equilibrium. Thus, perhaps the original 12. Qb3 can offer White something new, but not without a fight first from this author.

12...h6 13. Rad1 g5 14. h3 Ng6

One of my favorite qualities about the King's Indian is its straight-forward plan. Needless to say, White's solid, centralized position is nowhere near lost. It will only take the most aggressive and forcing play by Black to construct a mating attack. Maybe that's why Kasparov likes the KID so much.

15. Rfe1 h5

This loses a pawn to White's next move. But it depends on how you look at it. An optimistic master would turn it into a gambit.

16. Nh2 g4!

I am an optimist.

17. hg4 Qg5 18. Nb5

Now things are taking shape for both attacks. Black is beginning to out power White's forces on the Kingside while simultaneously White is cashing in on Black's abandoned Queenside. A more defensive alternative would have been 18. f3, holding on to the g4 square. White prefers to avoid weakening the g and f pawns, and trusts his monarch's safety to their natural integrity.

18...hg4 19. Nc7 Rb8

19...Be5 would be too risky. Tacticians may reason that offering White the Rook may be the crucial tempo needed to deliver mate. But this ultra-aggressive display fails to 20. Nxg4! as Black's Rook remains en-prise. The text postpones White's win of material, giving Black more time to set up mating threats.

20. cd6 Be5 21. Ne6!

A good defensive move, cutting off Black's Queen-Bishop and preparing to undouble White's center pawns on the sixth.

21...Be6

Forced, ...fe6 would have opened up the a2-g8 diagonal to deadly discover checks.

22. de6 f3!

Black is lost on the Queenside and in the center, but he is near winning on the Kingside. This 2/3-to-1/3 ratio is evened by the fact that White's King is trapped in Black's sphere of influence.

23. e7

This move allows Black at least a draw by repetition. Had White seen this, he may have opted to play for a win with 23. Nf3!? gf 24. Qf3 fe6 25. Qg4 Qh6 26. Qe6+ Rf7 with a crazy game. For example, both 27. Bc4 Qh2+ 28. Kf1 Qh1+ 29. Ke2 Nf4+ or 27. g3 Bg3! 28. fg3 Qe3+ lead to unclear positions where one slip and you will fall into the abyss.

23...Bh2+

Each tempo crucial, only this move preserves Black's attack/survival.

24. Kh2 Qh4+

The most obvious and logical move. But the amazing 24...g3!!+, as suggested by local KID authority Alan Stein, gives Black winning chances in addition to retaining at least a perpetual. The point is after 25. fg3 f2! White must avoid getting mated on the h-file. 26. g4 Qh4+ 27. Qh3 fe1(Q)! and Black wins. Thus, the only playable response after 24...g3!!+ is 25. Kg1! gf2+ 26. Kf2 Qg2+ 27. Ke3 and White can limit Black to a draw by repetition with correct play.

25. Kg1 fg2 26. ef8(Q)+

White secures the draw by taking advantage of his one remaining tempo and winning a Rook.

26...Rf8 27. Kg2 Nf4+ 28. Kg1 Nh3+ 29. Kh1!

The only safe move, tempting Black to overreach with 29...Nf2+ 30. Kg2 which loses as Black runs out of steam and is a Rook down. 29. Kg2 or Kh2 both fail to 29...Qf2+ 30. Kh1 g3 31. Qg3+ Qg3 32. Rg1 Nf2# Seeing as neither side has failed nor succeeded, a truce was called.

29...Nf4+ Draw

This game was representative of the whole spirit of the match. The final score is deceptively peaceful, but the journey was both exciting and hard-fought. A fitting end to the sportsmanship both Californian teams exhibited!

White: Clay Bradley (2099)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud (1946)
Torre Attack [A45]

Annotated by Jordy Mont-Reynaud and *NM Gabriel Sanchez*

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5

The Torre Attack—a trappy opening.

3. Bg5 c5

Gaining space and letting out the queen.

4. e3 cd4

My opponent took five minutes, then made a passive move.

5. ed4 Nc6

Better was 5...Bg4.

6. h3

A frightened child's move—it wastes time.

6...Bf5

Putting the bishop in front of the pawn chain.

7. Nf3 e6 8. Bd3

Trying to exchange the bishops. Here, it's as if Black is playing White and not a shade of gray. It's equal. Black has the possibility of playing on the c- file; White, the e-file.

8...Bxd3 9. Qd3 Bb4

9...Be7 is more natural than Bb4.

10. 0-0 0-0

To float the knight to the kingside.

11. Ne2 h6

Shooing the bishop. If Bh4, White cannot go Ng2 because of g5 and the bishop gets hung.

12. Bh4 Na5

Na5 cannot be good; White's queenside can't be attacked; better would be Be7, to play Ne5 to exchange the bishops.

Aiming for a good square, like c4.

13. Ne5

Very good for White.

13...Rc8 14. f4

With the idea of f5, and to open up the file for his rook.

14.f4 is a strong move but it doesn't work; if 14...f5 15. e5; but if 14. d3, then 14...e4 15. Qd1 Rc6 16. Nf4 with the idea of 17. Nh5 Be7 and Black is better. If, instead of 14...f5, 15. b3 Rc6 16. f5 Be7 and Black is still ok.

14...Nc4 15. Nc4 Rc4

White should have continued with his f5 plan. Instead, he gives up his centralized knight.

16. f5

Continuing with his plan.

16...e5

A surprising move. My opponent didn't see this. I have freed my game.

17. Bf6

Forced. If 17. de4 Rh4 18. ef6 Qf6 and Black has the initiative.

17...Qf6

If he doesn't take my e-pawn and goes 18. b3?!, then 18...e4! with a protected passed pawn and a big advantage for Black.

18. de5 Qe5

Black has the more active pieces.

19. c3 Bc5 20. Kh1 Re4

Probably better would be Bd6 with threats of mate.

But, anyway, probably Black is better.

21. Ng1

White is a little cramped.

21...Re3

Creeping forward.

22. Qd2 Qe4 23. Rae1 Re8

The Alekhine gun—massive centralization on the only open file.

Black is better, despite the isolated pawn.

24. Re3 Be3 25. Qd1 Re5

Actively using all my pieces, while White's home base lies on the back rank.

26. Qf3 Qc4

If the queens are exchanged, White's f6 pawn is weak.

27. Re1 Bf4 28. Re5 Be5 29. a3 d4 30. Qe4

30. Q b7 is a bad idea because ...Qf4; Nf3 Qc1, Ng1, Bd4.

30...Qc5 31. b4 Qd6 32. cd4 Qd4 33. Qd4 Bd4

After the exchange of queens, the bishop is stronger than the knight in this ending.

34. Ne2 Be5

This is a good move. The knight has no moves, and f5 is a weakness.

35. a4 Kf8 36. Kg1 Ke7 37. Kf2 Kd6 38. Ke3 Kd5 39. Kd3 f6

This pawn ending is not good for White.

40. g4 Bd6

A good idea by Black.

41. b5 Be5

With the idea of 42...Kc5 and 43...Kb4.

42. Nc3 Kc5 43. Na2

This is pretty bad, the knight is unable to move .

43...Bd6 44. Kc3 Kd5 45. Kd3 Ke5 46. Ke3 Bc5 47. Kf3 Kd4 48. h4 Kc4 49. Ke4 Ba3

White's knight doesn't play.

50. g5 hg5 51. hg5 fg5 52. Ke5 Kb3 0-1

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virtually freezes all my center pawns on the third rank.

13. Bf3 Nf3+ 14. Qf3

At this point it seemed unclear who was better. Whereas White is obviously ahead in development, Black has managed to weaken White's Kingside with the exchange of Knight for fianchettoed Bishop. If the second player can successfully fianchetto his Queen Bishop, then White may run into trouble. But the more I looked at the position, the more I realized just how little Black had going.

14...Rb8 15. e4

Like I said, Black has very little beyond superficial threats. This last move prevents Black's intended fianchetto from ever doing any damage.

15...b5?!

Consistent in his plan, Black hopes to open up the b-file to pressure b2 while simultaneously weakening e4 after b5xc4 diverting the d3 pawn. Unfortunately for the second player, he is already too late. White's easy development and solid center allows him to coordinate an attack even without the existence of any open lines. How can White break Black's intact pawn structure? Witness...

16. Bg5! Rh8 17. Nd5! f6 18. e5!! fg5

The obvious 18...Nf7 fails to 19. ef6!! Ng5 20. Qf4 (attacking both the Knight and the Rook) or 20. Qe3 just plain winning.

19. ed6 e6??

Black blunders badly in his bewilderment. After 19...ed6 20. Rae1+ Be5 21. Ne4, Black must give up material to avoid Nd6 mate.

20. Nc7+ Qc7 21. dc7 Rb7

Black actually plays on, either hoping for a miracle or just as a reflex. At this point I could hardly believe my own luck!

22. Ne4 Be5 23. Ng5 Rf8 24. Qe4 Bd4 25. Qg6 Ke7 26. Qh7 Kd6 27. Ne4 Kc7 28. Qe7 Rg8 29. Kh1 Rg4 30. Rg1 Re4 31. de4 bc4 32. Rg8 Rb8 33. Kg1 Kc6 34. Rd1 a6 35. e5 Kb5 36. Rd4 cd4 37. Qb4 1-0

After this victory, I quickly collected my $350 purse and left with my favorite fan to buy her something nice.

ifornia. Another benefit is that this event marks the return of Andy Lazarus to tournament directing in the Bay Area after years of wandering in the wilderness of Southern California, teaching mathematics and assuming the burdens of marriage and fatherhood. This event is big enough to make it worthwhile for spectators to come and watch some of America's greatest young hopes compete for trophies and glory.

July 3-5. The Sacramento Open. Quality weekend Swiss events return to Sacramento, as the largest traditional Superior California event resumes at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento, the area's premiere convention facility, across from Arden Fair Mall. A "CalChess Tournament of Champions Qualifier" tournament.

July 17-18. Silicon Valley Championships. This will be the largest event held in Northern California's largest county this year.

September 4-6. CalChess State Championships. The Fall classic, the Labor Day event at the Quality Villa Hotel in San Mateo awards state championships to players in each class. Last year it was the largest and best state championship tournament held in the U.S. The champion's trophy went to GM Nick de Firmian, and there were more than seventy other prizewinners.

September 26. Kolty is 90! A tournament to celebrate the life and contributions to chess of the world's oldest grandmaster, Northern California's own George Koltanowski, who turns 90 in September. A chess tournament/birthday party.

After September, look forward to the Sands Regency Western States Open in October, another Goichberg event before the end of the year, the CalChess Winter Festival on MLK Birthday in 1994, and then the National Elementary Championships in San Jose in May, a tournament that could break the record for the largest ever held in the United States, with as many as 1500+ kids jamming the San Jose Civic Auditorium and adjoining hotels on Mothers Day weekend.

August 14-15. LERA Class Championships. Third tournament in the four-step annual LERA cycle, this familiar event traditionally kicks off the fall chess season in the Bay Area. A "CalChess Tournament of Champions Qualifier" tournament.

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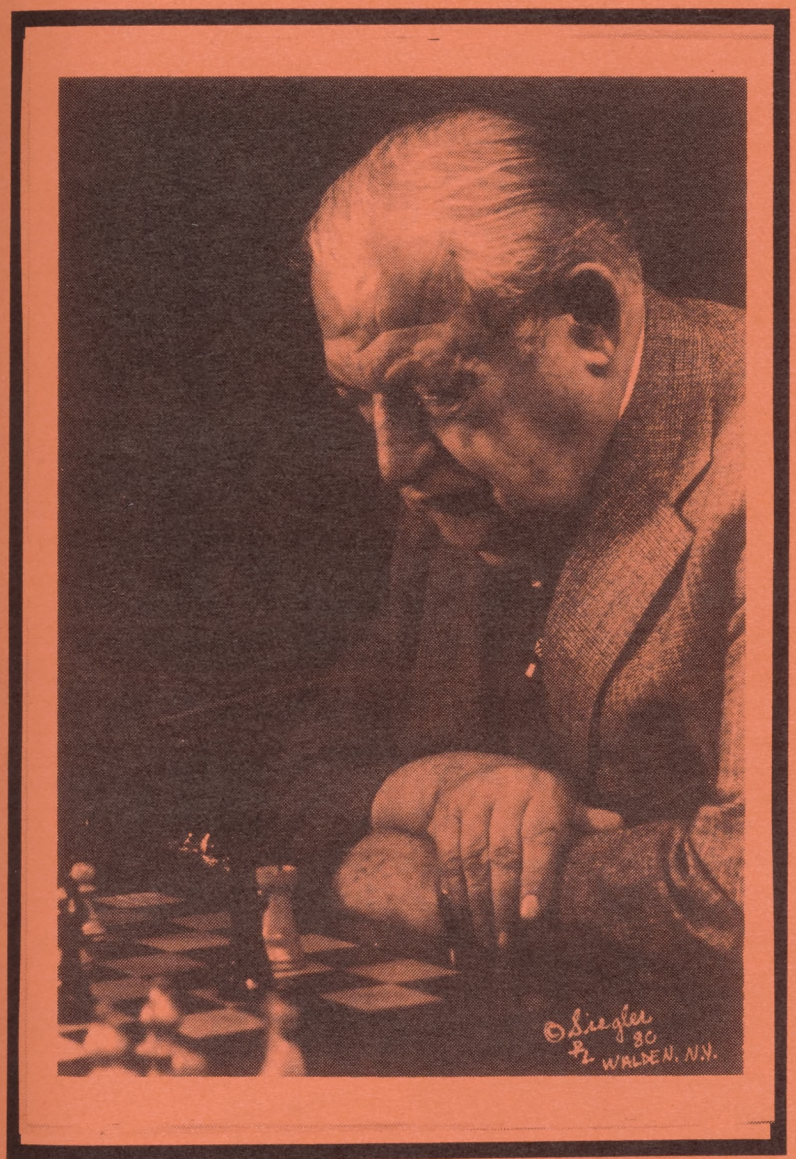
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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This issue marks a departure from recent issues in two principal respects. One is that it is the most timely issue we've had in years. The hiatus we enjoyed last time enabled us to return with renewed vigor and a greater appreciation of the virtues of punctuality.

The other is that, although in every issue we extoll the improvement in Northern California chess, we honestly believe that the next few months represent still another landmark. Tournaments are not only bigger than ever, and more frequent than ever, they are better than ever by any relevant criterion.

Consider what is coming up in the next couple of months.

Of course there is the **1993 US Open** in Philadelphia, August 7-15. This is a tournament unlike any other, a tradition-laden Open where you have the same odds of playing a Grandmaster as an unrated player, depending on where you are seeded.

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LERA MEMORIAL DAY

by NM Richard Koepcke

For the twenty-fifth time, the LERA (Lockheed Employees Recreation Association) Memorial Class Championships drew some of Northern California's best players on the weekend of May 29-31 to the familiar LERA clubhouse on Mathilda Avenue in Sunnyvale.

Top-ranked **IM Marc Leski** of Berkeley sailed undefeated through the Open section to take clear first, with 5-1/2 out of 6. Leski has been in excellent form lately, finishing second in the Far West Open in Reno and beating some excellent players, and his form held for this tournament as he skirted the pitfalls and dominated his competition. Clear second with 4-1/2 went to **NM Mike Arné** of Palo Alto, who has raised his rating a full class in the past year in a class where players are notoriously stingy with points. These two worthies were chased by **NM Renard Anderson** (Aptos), **NM Emmanuel Perez** (Antioch), and **NM Alan Stein** (Los Altos), with 4.

Expert honors were split between **Kevin Zeigler** of Sunnyvale, former Kolty Club Champion, and **Jimmy Plumb** of Livermore, who plays much better than his 2039 rating and at his present rate of improvement will soon be receiving his Master certificate, both with 5-1. Behind them with 4-1/2 were **Roberto Ricca** (2151), **John Ang** (2119), and **David Herscovici** (Monterey).

The Class "A" prize was taken by **Adrian Keatinge-Clay** (1994) of Vallejo, 1992 Northern California High School Champ, whose descent into the ranks of the "A" players proved both temporary and profitable, and whose score of 5 proved best. His competition included **Steven Lender** (1949), one of the perennial contenders, and two more stars from the scholastic ranks, **Brian Jew** (1961) of San Francisco and **Matthew R. Gross** (1791) of San Jose, all with 4-1/2.

Section "B" also fell to the new generation, as **Dmitry Karshtedt** (1786) of San Francisco scored 5-1 to take first, followed by **Hossein Ameri** (1732) of Santa Clara and two-time national grade school champ **Vinay Bhat** (1666) of San Jose, with 4.

The winner in Class "C" was **Rodrigo Dioso** (1364) of San Jose, 5-1/2, ahead of top-ranked **Robert Shiloh** (1597) of Los Altos with 4-1/2. Runnerups with 4 points were **Ken Newton** (1547) of Santa Clara and **James A. Clark** (1406), presently a student at CSU Sacramento.

First "D" was **Mason Bledsoe** (1239) of San Jose with 4-1/2, first in the "E" Section was **Brian Rothbach** (1073) of Fremont with 4-1/2, and the Unrated prize went to **Ron Ben-Zur** of Campbell with 5 points.

A total of 117 players played in the event, directed by **Jim Hurt** and **Ted Yudacufski.**

White: IM Mark Leski (2520)
Black: NM Mike Arné (2310)
King's Indian Attack [A07]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

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1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c6 4. 0-0 Bg4 5. d3 e6 6. Nbd2 Be7 7. e4 Nbd7

A normal position has arisen, in which White's chances will be on the kingside and Black's on the queenside.

8. h3 Bf3

Black should avoid this exchange unless he can restrict the opposing bishop by fixing White's e-pawn at e4. After 8...Bh5 9. Re1 0-0 10. e5 Ne8 11. g4 Bg6, the position would be roughly equal.

9. Qf3 0-0 10. Qe2 Qc7

An alternative is 10...de4 11. Ne4 Ne4 12. Qe4 e5, where Black gains some space in the center to compensate for White's two bishops.

11. f4

The point of White's previous moves. Left alone, he will close the center with e5, then gradually build up his forces on the kingside, culminating in a mating attack. In response to this plan, Black decides to open the center immediately and thereby change the character of the position. Now the battle switches to the center and queenside.

11...de4 12. Ne4 Ne4 13. Qe4 Nf6

13...e5, fighting for space in the center, is a good alternative.

14. Qe2 Bc5?

The bishop is misplaced here because White will soon kick it away, grabbing space along the way. 14...Bd6 would have been a better try. After 15. d4 c5 16. Be3 cd4 17. Bd4 Bc5 18. Bc5 Qc5 19. Kh2 ±, White has a queenside majority plus a small space edge in the center. However, these advantages are not likely to be decisive.

15. Kh2 Rad8 16. Bd2 Rfe8 17. Rae1

White is about to invoke a strategy espoused by Reuben Fine. To paraphrase, "constrain, build, and destroy." The text begins the first phase, where White attempts to constrain Black's freeing moves, ...e5 and ...c5.

17...Qb6? 18. b4! Bd6 19. a4 Qc7 20. d4

Establishing a central pawn clamp. With Black's counterplay a long way off, White switches to phase 2, "Build."

20...Qe7 21. Qc4

21.Rb1 may have been slightly more accurate, though White would then have to contend with blockading attempts by Black on the light squares (21...b5!?).

21...Nd5 22. Rb1 a6 23. Rfe1 Qf6

Black decides to play rope-a-dope for a while. A viable alternative is the active blockading plan mentioned above. Though 23...b5 24. Qb3 (not 24. Qc6 Nb4=) Rc8 25. c3, followed by 26.Ra1, favors White.

24. Re2

Preparing to transfer the rook to the a- or b-file, depending on circumstances.

24...Rc8 25. Qd3 Red8

The ugly-looking ...b5 might have put up more resistance. Black probably allowed his knight to be kicked away believing that he could obtain counterplay by repositioning it on f5.

26. c4 Ne7 27. Bc3 Qh6 28. c5!

Still following a policy of constraint, White restricts Black's pieces and prevents the counterpunch ...c5 in response to b5.

28...Bb8 29. b5

The "constrain" and "build" phases over, White switches over to the final phase, "breakthrough."

29...ab5 30. ab5 Nf5 31. Re4 Rd5 32. bc6 bc6 33. Qa6 Rf8 34. Qc6 g5 35. Re6!

A small combination with the aim of forcing a favorable transition to the ending.

35...Qe6

Forced. 35...fe6 loses a piece to 36. Bd5 ed5 37. Qd5 Kg7 38. Rb8 Rb8 39. Qe5.

36. Qd5 gf4 37. Qe6 fe6

37...fg3 38. Kh1 fe6 39. d5 would not have changed the result. By capturing immediately, Black sets a small trap.

38. d5

Capturing the pawn, 38. gf4??, allows Black to escape with a draw by 37... Bf4 39. Kg1 (39. Kh1 Ng3 followed by 40....Ne2) Be3 40. Kh2 Bf4=.

38...Ng3 39. d6 Ne2 40. Be5 Ba7

After 40...f3, 41. Bf3 is the simplest response.

41. Rb7 Rf7 42. d7 1-0

Black must give up his rook to stop the d-pawn.

White: J. C. Kuba (1888)
Black: John Black (1720)
Queen's Gambit Accepted [D29]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

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1. d4 d5 2. c4 dc4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 e6 5. Bc4 c5 6. 0-0 a6 7. Qe2

The main alternative is 7.a4, which prevents Black's intended queenside expansion but cedes the b4 square in return.

7...b5 8. Bb3 Bb7 9. Rd1 Nbd7

Grabbing space in the center with 9...c4 would be a mistake because it gives White a free hand to attack in the center and on the kingside. For example, 9...c4 10. Bc2 Be7 11. e4 0-0 12. Nbd2 Nbd7 13. e5 Nd5 14. Ne4, with a dangerous kingside attack.

10. Nc3 cd4?

A premature exchange, since it neither frees Black's game nor furthers his development. In exchange for an isolated pawn, White gets a half-open e-file, freedom to develop his queen's bishop to an active post at g5, plus a multitude of threats in the center.

Consequently, Black usually maintains the tension in order to make White solve the problem of developing his queen's bishop. either 10...Qb6 or ...Bd6 is most commonly played here.

11. ed4 Nb6

Black has to do something about the threat 12.d5. For example, the unconcerned 11...Be7 runs into 12.d5 ed 13. Nd5 Nd5 14. Bd5 Bd5 15. Rd5 Qc7 16. Bg5 f6 17. Re1, where White has a decisive attack.

12. Ne5

12. Bg5, completing development and renewing the threat d5 would also have been strong.

12...Be7?

This simple developing move turns out to be the decisive mistake. Black's only real hope lay in closing the a2-g8 diagonal with 12...Bd5 (not 12...Nbd5 13. Nb5, winning). However, things are still grim after 13. Nd5 Nbd5 14. Bg5 Be7 15. Nc6 Qd7 16. Ne7 Qe7 17. Bd5 ed5 18. Qf3 with advantage to White.

13. Nf7!

A stock sacrifice in IQP (isolated queen pawn) positions. In this example, it is decisive since Black's king must undertake a death march into the center of the board.

13...Kf7 14. Qe6 Ke8 15. Qf7 Kd7 16. Be6! Kc6

16...Kc7 12. Bf4 doesn't change matters.

17. d5 Kc5 18. Be3 Kd6 19. Bf4 Kc5 20. d6 1-0

There is no defense to the impending threat 21. cd followed by 22. Bd6. After 20...Nbd5 21. ed Qe7 22. Bd5, Black will be a piece down without compensation.

White: Alan Stein (2309)
Black: Savely Polavets (2316)
Najdorf Sicilian [B99]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5 e6 7. f4 Be7 8. Qf3 Nbd7 9. 0-0-0 Qc7 10. g4 0-0!?

The text is a bit unusual but has been played before. I suspect that Polavets strayed from mainline theory to force his opponent to rely on his own resources.

11. Bh4

This clears the way for the g-pawn, but gives up a tempo to achieve the advance. Probably more accurate is 11. Bf6 Bf6 12. g5 Bd4 13. Rd4. The only game from this position that I know of continued 13...b5 14. Bg2 Bb7 15. Rhd1 Nc5 16. a3 Rfd8 with complications, Sirov-Vitolinsh, USSR 1985.

11...Nb6?!

The plan of transferring the knight to c4 seems a bit slow. An immediate counterattack against the e-pawn, 11...Nc5, is a more active approach. A possible continuation is 11...Nc5 12. g5 Nfd7 13. f5 Ne5 14. Qf2 Re8 15. f6 Bf8, where White's attack has run out of steam.

Note that the game continuation, 12. f5, is roughly equal after 12...Nfe4 13. Be7 Nc3 14. Bf8 Nd1 15. Bg7 Kg7 16. Kd1=.

12. f5

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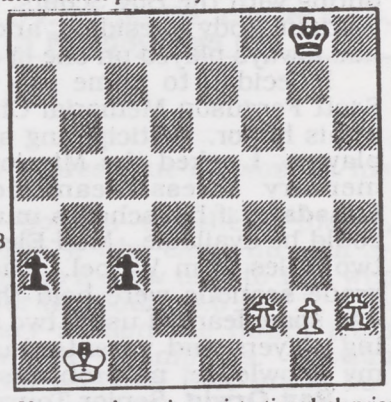
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CALIFORNIA SCHOLASTIC GRADE LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Dr. Alan M. Kirshner

On May 2, 1993, one of the largest ever California elementary school chess tournaments took place in Fremont. Two hundred and twelve kindergarten through sixth graders matched wits in the first California Scholastic Grade Level Chess Championships. Players came from as far north as Chico and as far south as Orange County. The largest number of competitors derived from Fremont as three elementary schools—**Weibel, Mission San Jose, and Marshall**—have strong programs.

A little over a year earlier, I proposed to the Weibel Elementary Parent-Teacher's Association that they support a state chess tournament as a fund raiser. A couple of months after the PTA gave the go ahead, a bus tragically killed one of our Weibel Chess Team members while he was on a bicycling outing with the Boy Scouts. **Scott Ferguson**, student body president and gifted student, had always played on one of our top boards.

I decided to name the tournament the Scott Ferguson Memorial Chess Tournament in his honor. Anticipating a large number of players, I asked the Mission San Jose Elementary Chess Team coach, **Joseph Lonsdale**, if his school's multi-purpose room could be available. MSJ Elementary is about two miles from Weibel. The fifth and sixth grade sections were held there. Granted, I had some fears of using two sites and confusing players and parents, but, to the best of my knowledge, no problems occurred.

Ray Orwig, Senior Tournament Director, served as Chief TD. **Carolyn Withgitt**, **Joseph Lonsdale**, **Steve Simler** and I acted as Assistant TDs. Former Weibel Chess Team members, now at Hopkins Junior High School (the 1993 Northern California Championship Junior High School Team), served as Tournament Marshals. Loads of parents volunteered to help make this tournament a thundering success.

I awarded eighty-five trophies in the seven ections. While I intended to provide only five place trophies in each division, I gave out as many as eight in some sections. Four team awards were available in each section as well. And each kindergarten entrant received a trophy regardless of placement.

The SwissSys Pairing Program kept the four rounds pretty much to the time schedule. I did have a problem in the second grade section, however. **Randy Mont-Reynaud** notified me during the second round that the program, in avoiding pairing team members, had gone out of score groups. The round was underway and I decided to allow it to proceed. This may have affected **Marijo Mont-Reynaud's** tie-breaks. I did pair the remainder of the second grade rounds without the computer.

The surprise of the tournament was the outstanding placement of **St. Marks Elementary School** of San Rafael, coached by **Ray Orwig**. They surprised the favorites, Mission San Jose and Weibel, in most of the sections in which they had a team. My school, Weibel, had a mediocre tournament.

The Kindergarten Division fielded thirteen players—an outstanding showing that bodes well for future scholastic chess. **Adam Lischinsky** (1257), viewed as one of the premiere elementary school players despite being only six years of age, had an easy victory (4-0). **Jonathan Lonsdale** (1184) split second place with his teammate from Mission San Jose, **Jeffrey Beckham (Unr.)**; both went 3-1. **Mission San Jose**, with five of the thirteen players, won the team trophy (only the scores of the top three players counted for team points).

Derek Schloss (562) from **St. Paul's** in Los Angeles placed first among the thirteen competitors in the First Grade Division. **Kevin Bui** (751), **Dwight Asuncion** (1005) and **Peter True** (Unr.) tied for second (3-1). **Weibel Elementary** won the team trophy in First Grade Division fielding five players.

Thirty second graders competed in the next section. **Sathvik Tantry** (1231) and **Uri Andrews** (1175), both students of **Joseph Siroker** of the Chess Academy of Palo Alto (CAPA), tied for first place (4-0). A nine-way tie ensued for third place, all with 3-1. **St. Marks** won this division.

Third grade produced our largest section with 48 competitors. A three-way tie occurred between **Sergey Frenklakh** (1108), **Jeffrey Lonsdale** (1275), and **Lee-Ming Zen** (1143) with 4-0. **St. Marks** also won this division.

In the fourth grade, 46 students vied for first place with **Kevin O'Brien** (1437) and **Jorge Aguayo** (1194) both attaining perfect 4-0. **Tov Fisher-Kirshner** (1296) and **Julio Lima** (1409) drew their final game and tied for third place with 3-1/2. **Ruus Elementary** of Hayward defeated a strong Weibel team for first place.

The hottest contests were bound to occur in the fifth grade section. Three state champions—**Joey Lonsdale** (1993 state champ), **Kevin Simler** (1991), and **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1989, 1992)—were among the competitors. **Joey Lonsdale** (1481) and **Kevin Simler** (1575) represented Mission San Jose. **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1549) had at his side for Weibel an up-and-coming player, **James Kuan** (1181). Ruus Elementary also had two strong competitors in **Alberto Rodriguez** (1175) and **Albert Souchet** (1222). Thirty-eight players entered this section.

The final match saw Micah, fresh from his second place in the K-5 division at the

Elementary School Nationals, pitted against his perennial competition, Kevin. Because of a lesser difference in rating points, **Joey Lonsdale** confronted **Austin Ozawa** (1196), changing what some thought would be Micah's natural opponent. All of these players are members of **Richard Shorman's Blue Knights Club**. While in skittle games Kevin and Micah tend to split the victories, Micah has defeated Kevin in previous state competitions. However, this turned out to be Kevin's day. He went undefeated along with Joey (4-0). **James Kuan** drew with **Eric Lin** (1271) to end up tie for third with 3-1/2. **Mission San Jose Elementary**, who last November won the Fifth Grade Division at the National Grade Level Championships in Arizona, took the team trophy. Mission San Jose will be a strong competitor for the National Elementary School title in 1994, when it will be held in San Jose, California.

Biggs Elementary, from Biggs, California, entered twelve of the twenty-five players in the Sixth Grade Division. They had an easy time winning the first-place team trophy. Biggs players **Chad Manes** (1261) and **Meng Thao** (1210) ended with a perfect 4-0. Four other Biggs players, **Jeremy Ryan** (1160), **Nick McGee** (1051), **Brant Meyer** (1210), and **Christina Chaplin** (932), tied for third with 3-1. **Brad Langer** and **Robin Lindsay** rounded off the third-place winners with their 3-1 scores.

White: Nick Egide (1091)
Black: Micah Fisher Kirshner (1549)
French Defense [C14]

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bg5 e6 4. e4 Be7 5. e5 Nfd7 6. Be7 Qe7 7. Bd3 c5 8. Nb5 Na6 9. Nf3 cd4 10. Nfd4 Ne5 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Be2 Nc5 13. Nf3 Ng6 14. Qd4 a6 15. Nc3 Nd7 16. Bd3 Qf6 17. Qf6 Nf6 18. Bg6 hg6 19. Ne5 Bd7 20. Nd7 Nd7 21. Rfe1 Rfe8 22. Rad1 Rad8 23. Rd4 b5 24. Rh4 f5 25. Re3 Nf6 26. Rg3 Kf7 27. a3 Rc8 28. f4 Rh8 29. Rh8 Rh8 30. Ne2 Rc8 31. c3 Ne4 32. Re3 Rc4 33. Ng3 Ng3 34. Rg3 Rf4 35. Rd3 Kf6 36. g3 Re4 37. Kf2 Ke5 38. Kf3 Re1 39. Re3 Re3 40. Ke3 g5 41. Kd3 f4 42. gf4 gf4 43. Ke2 Ke4 44. Kf2 f3 45. b3 e5 46. a4 ba4 47. ba4 a5 48. h3 Kf4 49. h4 g6 50. h5 gh5 51. Kf1 h4 52. Kg1 Ke3 53. Kf1 f2 54. c4 h3 55. cd5 Kf3 56. d6 h2 57. d7 h1N 58. d8Q Ng3 0-1

NORTH-SOUTH III

by Joseph Lonsdale

Twelve of the top scholastic players in Northern California travelled to Los Angeles on Memorial Day weekend to play a match with the best from Southern California. The match consisted of three four-player round robins. The Southerners won the primary (K to grade 3) and elementary (K to grade 6) competition by one point each. The North won the Junior High competition by three points. So they won two out of three, or we won 24.5 to 23.5, depending how you look at it. This is the third consecutive year this match was held.

Jennie Frenklakh (1862) was the star of the Junior High School competition. In the first round, she won an exciting game from **Andranik Massian** (1988) in a time scramble. Jennie won the rest of her games with no trouble for a perfect 4-0. **Eric Lin** (1271), a fifth grader that we promoted to Junior High, won three games, losing only to Massian. **Enoch Kwok** (1420) contributed two points and Nikhil Prakash contributed 1/2 point for a total of 9.5 to 6.5 for the South.

On paper, the elementary competition looked very tough for the North. Their team was headed by **Haryutan Akopyan** (1877), who recently won the K-5 nationals. Their number two and number three players, **David Rash** (1600) and **Alexander Huff** (1589), were also rated higher than all of the North elementary team. The North team, **Kevin Simler** (1548), **Micah Fisher-Kirshner** (1529), **Joseph Lonsdale** (1481), and **Tov Fisher-Kirshner** (1249), played super against Rash and Huff. Everyone beat Rash, and everyone except Tov beat Huff. Akopyan was given a few scares, but he won all his games.

It was the bottom Southern player, **Justin Sheek** (1057), who came up with 3-1/2 points, giving up a draw only to Tov, who won the match for the South 8.5 to 7.5.

In the primary section the South team boasted two national champions. **Asuka Nakamura** (1433) won the first grade national championship and **Cory Evans** (1009) won the kindergarten national championship. In the first round, Jonathan Lonsdale, who finished second to Cory in the grade school nationals, and Cory had a rematch of their showdown at the nationals. Once again, Cory won a long, hard game, apparently proving that he was the best kindergarten player in the country. However, in round three, Cory played **Adam Lischinsky** (1306), another kindergarten student, and Adam won a convincing victory. Adam won three games, losing only to Nakamura. Adam is now the top-rated six-year-old in the country, and has beaten the reigning national champion. Despite good performances from **Chris Behrens**, 2.5 points, and **Jeffrey Lonsdale**, 2 points, the South won this section 8.5 to 7.5.

The match was held at the Chess for Juniors facility in Garden Grove, just south of Disneyland. This is the largest youth chess club in the country. National Master **Robert Snyder** ran an excellent tournament and was a great host for a large part of our group that stayed at his home.

Next year this match will be held in Fremont in mid June. We are planning to put together very strong teams in all three sections.

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30TH ARTHUR B. STAMER MEMORIAL OPEN

by NM James Eade

A distinctly international flavor peppered the 30th annual Arthur B. Stamer Memorial this year with the participation of **GM Nick deFirmian**, and **IMs John Donaldson**, **Vladislov Federov** (from Moscow) and **Marc Leski**. DeFirmian and Donaldson both won all their games until their draw in the last round. Leski defeated Fedorov in a titanic last round struggle which will be featured in a subsequent issue, and local Master **Emmanuel Perez** quickly overwhelmed this writer to join the winners' circle with 4-1/2 points each.

The Stamer was held at the oldest chess club in the United States, the Mechanics' Institute, on the weekend of June 18-20, and drew a total of 70 players, including 15 Masters. It also featured the second Bay Area appearance of young and talented **Tigran Ishkhanov**, whose post-tournament provisional rating, based on nine games, is 2320, and the usual contingent of Mechanics' irregulars, who gave a good accounting of themselves in honor of one of their own. Stamer was the Mechanics' champion in 1905 and director of the chess room in three different decades ('40s, '50s, and '60s).

One of the Mechanics' Old Guard, **Ray Menaster**, squared off with IM Donaldson in the first round, but was outplayed in his favorite 1. b4 and went down to defeat. The next round featured some of the club's best battling the top boards, and while Experts **Raymond Rotor**, **Joe Tracy** and **Peter Grey** were held off by de Firmian, Donaldson and Leski respectively, **David Gee** split the point with Federov. Another Expert, **Seggev Weiss**, also held Perez to a draw in round 2.

There were a few upsets in round three, most notably **NM Robert Kichinski** dueling to a no-holds-barred draw with Leski and the defeat of two perennial contenders, **FM Renard Anderson** by **Sidney Rubin** and **SM Richard Lobo** by **NM Paul Gallegos**. San Francisco Master and software author **Bill Orton** gave Donaldson a tough fight but eventually succumbed to the IM in a rook and pawn ending. Another notable result in that round was the upset of the area's top junior, NM **Alan Stein**, by the Mechanics' own **Russell Wong**.

The top boards had another wave of Mechanics' irregulars to deal with in the fourth round, but **NM David Blohm**, Wong, Rubin and Gallegos all failed in their upset bids, setting up the final round match-ups of titled players. Gallegos especially came close against de Firmian, but to no avail.

Here are the prize winners:

1st-4th	**GM Nick de Firmian**	**4.5**
	IM John Donaldson	
	IM Marc Leski	
	NM Emmanuel Perez	
U2200	**Sidney Rubin**	**3.5**
	Russell Wong	
	Ray Rotor	
	Carmelito Mejia	
U2000	**Adrian Keatinge-Clay**	**3.5**
	Steven Lender	
U1800	**John Fend**	**2.5**
U1600	**Roman Suguitan**	**2**
UNR	**Sergey Ostrovskiy**	**3**

White: NM Emmanuel Perez (2378)
Black: NM James Eade (2343)
Queen's Gambit Declined [D58]
Annotated by NM James Eade

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.cd5 ed5 9.e3 Be6 10.Bd3 c5 11.dc5 bc5 12.Rd1 Nbd7 13.0-0 Re8?

13...Qb6 is standard.

14.Bb5! Rb8 15.Bg3 Rb6 16.Ne5! Ne5?

Better to just let the d-pawn fall.

17.Be8 Neg4 18.Bb5 Nh5 19.Be2 Ng3 20.hg3 h5 21.Nd5! Bd5 22.e4 Qb8 23.ed5 Rb2 24.Rb1! Rb1 25.Rb1 Qe5 26.Bf3 Bd6 27.Qe4 1-0

White: NM Paul Gallegos (2221)
Black: GM Nick deFirmian (2609)
Sicilian Defense [B99]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bf6 Nf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Nc5 14.f6 gf6 15.gf6 Bf8 16.Nf5 ef5 17.Nd5 Qa5 18.Kb1 fe4 19.Qe3 b4 20.Bg2 Be6 21.Be4 Ne4 22.Qe4 Rb8 23.Rhe1 Kd7 24.b3 Qc5 25.Nf4 Qf5 26.Qd4 Rc8 27.Rd2 Qc5 28.Ne6 fe6 29.Qe4 Qf5 30.Qb4 Qf6 31.Qb7 Rc7 32.Qa6 Rg8 33.Qb5 Ke7 34.Qd5 Rg1 35.Qd6 Ke8 36.Qd8 Qd8 37.Rd8 Kd8 38.Rg1 Ke7 39.c4 e5 40.Kc2 Ke6 41.Rg8 Rf7 42.a4 e4 43.a5 Rf2 44.Kc3 e3 45.Rg3 Bc5 46.Rg1 Ra2 47.Rb1 e2 48.b4 Bf2 49.Kb3 Rd2 0-1

White: Raymond Rotor (2100)
Black: Nick de Firmian (2609)
Sicilian Defense [B99]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.Nce2 Bb7 13.Bf6 Bf6 14.g5 Be7 15.Kb1 Nc5 16.f5 Bg5 17.fe6 Bf6 18.ef7 Qf7 19.Nf5 Be5 20.Rdf1 Qd7 21.Ng7 Qg7 22.Rhg1 Qh6 23.Qf7 Kd8 24.Qc4 Rc8 25.Qb4 Rc7 26.Ng3 Qh2 27.Nf5 Kc8 28.Qb6 Nd3 29.cd3 Qc2 30.Ka1 Qd3 31.Rd1 Qc2 32.Nd6 Kb8 33.a3 Rd8 34.Ka2 Qc6 35.Qc6 Bc6 36.Nc4 Re8 0-1

White: IM John Donaldson (2593)
Black: Sidney Rubin (2189)
English Opening [A33]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cd4 8.Nd4 a6 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Ne7 Qe7 14.Qd2 Na5 15.Bb7 Nb7 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Qc5 18.Qf3 Nd6 19.b4 Qg5 20.Ne6 de6 21.Rd6 Ne8 22.Rd8 Rd8 23.e3 Rd2 24.Bc3 Ra2 25.Qc6 Qd8 26.Bd4 h5 27.Bb6 Qe7 28.Rd1 Kh7 29.Bd8 Qf8 30.c5 Nf6 31.Bf6 gf6 32.Qf3 Kg6 33.Rd4 f5 34.e4 Ra1 35.Kg2 Qh6 36.ef5 ef5 37.Rd6 f6 38.Qc3 1-0

White: Peter Grey (2100)
Black: IM Marc Leski (2534)
Pirc Defense [B09]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e5 de5 7.de5 Qd1 8.Kd1 Nh5 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Be3 Nb4 11.Ke2 f6 12.ef6 Bf6 13.Be4 Bf5 14.Bf5 gf5 15.Ne1 Bc3 16.bc3 Nd5 17.Kf3 Nc3 18.Nd3 b6 19.Bd4 Nb5 20.Be5 Nf6 21.a4 Nd6 22.Nb4 a5 23.Nc6 Kf7 24.Rad1 Nfe4 25.Rhe1 Rg8 26.Rd4 Rg6 27.Rd5 Nc4 28.Nd4 Ncd2 29.Ke3 Rg2 30.Bc7 Rc8 31.Rf5 Kg6 32.Bb6 Rc3 0-1

White: Joe Tracy (2102)
Black: NM David Blohm (2257)
Slav Defense [D16]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dc4 5.a4 Bg4 6.Ne5 Bh5 7.f3 Nfd7 8.Nc4 e5 9.d5?? Qh4 0-1

White: FM Renard Anderson (2342)
Black: NM Paul Gallegos (2200)
Sicilian Defense [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bd7 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.a4 Qc7 9.d3 Nf6 10.f5 Be7 11.Ng5 Nd8 12.g4 h5 13.Nf7 Nf7 14.fe6 d5 15.ef7+ Kf8 16.Qe1 dc4 17.g5 Nh7 18.Nd5 Qe5 19.Bf4 Qd4 20.Be3 Qe5 21.h4 Bd6 22.Qf2 Rc8 23.Nf4 Bf5 24.ef5 Qf5 25.Qg2 g6 26.Rae1 Rc6 27.Bd2 Be5 28.Re5 Qe5 29.Bc3 Qe3 30.Kh1 1-0

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KOLTANOWSKI IS 90!

by Tom Dorsch

Northern California's own resident chess genius, George Koltanowski, will celebrate his 90th birthday this Septemberf. To the list of world and national records and titles already amassed by this remarkable chess professional, you can add "World's Oldest Grandmaster." He still writes his San Francisco Chronicle daily chess column, as he has since May 1947—16,850+ columns so far. He still gives lessons at home and at local schools. He still directs tournaments, last year cruising to Alaska as TD of the Senior Open. He still gives his remarkable blindfold appearances, dazzling his fans, many of whom come again and again to see the Knight's Tour and hear his anecdotes. And he still manages to write a new book every year or so, introducing a new generation to the intricacies of the Colle System, or regaling them with new stories about his nearly eighty years in chess as player, director, organizer, author, promoter, analyst, politician, artist, and, always, pure professional.

Born September 17, 1903, in Eastern Europe, he moved to Antwerp, Belgium, when he was a child. Then as now Antwerp was the world-wide center of the diamond trade. He was groomed for a life in the diamond trade until one day when his father took him to the Antwerp Chess Club . It was not long before he was the best player in the Antwerp Chess Club. By the age of 17 he was champion of Belgium, a title he was to win eight times.

His talent for blindfold play was quite extraordinary. World Champion Alexander Alekhine even described him as "the second-best blindfold player in the world." In fact, his talent was so great that he may have singlehandedly undermined the popularity of blindfold chess. On the occasion of his 34th birthday, in September 1937, he arranged the unprecedented feat of playing 34 games simultaneously blindfold against a strong contingent of players from the Edinburgh Chess Club in Scotland. The seance lasted 13-1/2 hours, and he succeeded in winning 24 games and drawing 10, without losses. This remarkable record has not been seriously challenged for over fifty years, and he still holds the title of World Blinfold Champion.

He was in Guatemala, on his way to the Chess Olympics in Buenos Aires, when war broke out in Europe. He spent the war years in Central America and the U.S. After the war, he resolved to start a new life in the United States. He moved to California, married his wife Leah, and became a U. S. citizen. It was a fortuitous event for chess in Northern California.

In the intervening years, he has worked tirelessly to popularize chess with his touring, his writing, and his promotion of the game. For many years he toured the country, giving his chess lecture and Knight's Tour shows, dazzling audiences everywhere with his remarkable mnemonic feats. As America's premieire tournament director, he organized or supervised countless events, including at least twenty U. S. Opens. He devised and introduced the Swiss-system tournament to American chess. He obtained the initial sponsorship for the Grand Prix circuit. He was President of the United States Chess Federation from 1975-1978. He was one of the three original inductees into the Chess Hall of Fame (with Reuben Fine and Samuel Reshevsky). In recognition of his contribution, the USCF Policy Board awarded him the title "Dean of American Chess."

He is also largely responsible for the rich chess culture in Northern California, where there are nearly as many USCF members as there are in Southern California, which has twice the population in half the area! His organization, Chess Friends, promoted chess in this area long before the USCF extended beyond New York State. He originated the Paul Ma;sson tournaments, many of the clubs in the area, and toured tirelessly to popularize chess. His column in the San Francisco Chronicle was the first local column and remains the only daily chess column in the country.

We all owe Koltanowski a debt of gratitude for his nearly half century of tireless promotion of Northern California chess, and his contributions to chess culture of our area.

Happy Birthday, George!

FLAMINGO HILTON-RENO FAR WEST OPEN

by Tom Dorsch

The Best in the West label, consistently applied to the Sands Regency Western States Open held each Fall in Reno, Nevada, has competition. Now **Jerome Weikel** organizes two tournaments per year, and the new one is so brilliant it threatens to eclipse the old.

The First Far West Open was held at the Flamingo Hilton, one of the nicest hotels in Reno, the first time this hotel has ever sponsored a chess tournament. Yes, sponsored. Instead of the usual arrangement, where hotels charge hundreds or thousands of dollars to organizers for renting their space, the Flamingo Hilton *contributed* some five thousand dollars, enabling organizer Jerry Weikel to offer the largest prize fund ever for a tournament in Reno.

When the smoke cleared, over $22,000 in prize money had been paid out, and ninety-six of the 298 entrants, nearly 1 in 3, were money winners!

The clear first-place prize went to hard-charging GM **Walter Browne**, who gave up two draws, one to Grand Prix king GM Gregory Kaidanov, the other a last-round draw with IM **Marc Leski**. Enroute to his win, he defeated GM **Nick de Firmian** in a nice game. In second-fourth, with 4.5 points, were GM Kaidanov, IM **Georgi Orlov**, and IM Marc Leski of Berkeley. The group with 4 points included GM Sergey Kudrin, GM de Firmian, IM **Vladislav Fedorov**, IM **Igor Ivanov**, IM **Jeremy Silman**, IM **John Donaldson**, IM **Vince McCambridge**, IM **Jack Peters**, IM **Eugene Meyer**, IM **Anthony Saidy**, IM **John Watson**, and IM **Leon Piasetski**. The tournament was remarkable in many respects. For one thing, the top section was particularly tough, even though there were "only" five GMs, because almost no Experts played up and the Section was top-heavy to begin with. Another oddity was that almost all the IMs in California participated, including Jack Peters, who hadn't played outside of L.A. for seven years.

In the Expert section, **Ziad Baroudi** of Sacramento won the trophy on tie-breaks over **Leif Bekkeli** of Reno, both with 5 points.

The clear winner in the "A" section was Gentleman **Jim Hurt**, organizer of the LERA tournaments, 77 years young, playing by far the best chess of his life. His score of 5-1/2 out of 6 dominated the "A" section. In addition, his top score earned him the Senior trophy and prize. Grouped with five points were **Jeffrey Clark**, **H. G. Pitre**, **Michael Madden**, **Ernst Rasmussen**, **Ricardo Salazar**, **Kris Judkins**, **Chris Orum**, and **Laszlo Szalvay**.

Modesto's **Kevin Cripe** stole the "B" honors. Once best known as the brother of Paul Cripe, a Master of some note, Kevin has recently begun to blossom on his own and as coach of some promising young stars like **Julie Vizcaino**. His 5-1/2 out of 6 shows that the effort he has invested in coaching his students has begun to earn dividends in his own play. **Kurt Douglas** took second with 5 points, followed by **Paul Vayssie**, **Ruben Faria**, **Laurence Bonsack**, **Ramancito Dionisio**, **Philip Wand**, and **Warren Gehring** with 4-1/2.

Class "C" belonged to **Rodrigo Dioso**, with 5-1/2, followed by **Mark Claiborne** and **Arthur Johnson** with 5. the Class "D" and under prizewinners were **Rolando Macarbeo**, 5-1/2 points, **Stephen Croft** and **Jon Raitz** with 5, followed by **Jeff Hodge**, **Harry Miller**, **Roland Wright**, and **Andrew Brackett** with 4-1/2.

The tournament was organized by **Jerome Weikel** and his wife Fran. His large and efficient staff, which kept the whole event running smoothly, consisted of **Peter Yu** and **Mike Bond**, assistant TDs, **Robert Spencer** (wall charts), **Victor Flashman** and **Jimmy Weikel, Jr.** (wall charts), **Nathan Turley**, **Mike Smith**, and **Mike Seidl**.

The next Reno tournament will be the $40K Western States Open in October at the Sands Regency. For a good time, put it on your calendar!

White: Eric Schiller (2235 FIDE)
Black: NM James Eade (2240 FIDE)
French Defense [C12]
Annotated by NM Jim Eade

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1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Be3 Ne4 7. Qg4 g6 8. a3 Bc3 9.bc3 Nc3 10. h4 Qe7 11. Bd3 Nc6 12. Bd2

12. h5 g5 13. f4 (13. Nh3 Bd7 14. f4 gf4 15. Bf2 Qf8 16. Qf4 0-0-0 17. Bh4 Re8 18. Nf2 f5 (Rg8 35/385) 19. ef6 e5 Engl-Eade, corres 1988) gf4 14. Qf4 Bd7 15. Nh3 0-0-0 16. 0-0 Rdg8 17. Qf6 according to Ubilava.

12...Ne4 13. Be4 de4 14. Qe4 Bd7 15. Ne2

15. Rh3 0-0-0 16. Rb3 f5 17. ef6 Qf6 18.Nf3.

15...0-0-0 16. Rh3 f5 17. ef6 Qf6 18.Rf3 Qg7

19. Rb1

19. Bc3.

19...Rde8 20. Rfb3 b6 21. Rc3 Kb7 22.Bf4 g5 23. Be5 Qh7 24. Ng3 Qe4 25. Ne4 Ne5 26. de5 Re7 27. Rb4 a5 28. Rd4 Bc6 29. hg5 1/2

SHORT TOURNAMENT REPORTS

MODESTO CHESS CLUB

TD Joseph de Leon sends the following report:

Knightlife Chess Tournaments sponsored the latest "Thursday Night Fights" chess tournament with **Joseph de Leon** presiding at "ringside!" the five-round open chess tournament was held 5/27/93 to 6/24/93 on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Round Table Pizza in Ceres. 2903 E. Whitmore Avenue. There were 24 participants. Welcome to new members **Darrell Stovall** and **John Garcia**!

The winners in the Open section were **Joseph de Leon** (1900) of Modesto with a perfect 5-0, followed by **Jose Ignacio Guerrero** (1848), and **Ursula Foster** (1700), both from Modesto, and **Kevin Cripe** (1760) of Riverbank, each with 3.5 points. Cripe won the second-place trophy on tie-breaks.

In the U1600/Unr. Section, **Mark E. Davis** was first with 3.5, followed by **Corbett Carroll** (1587) of Big Oak Flat and **Leon A. Aldrich** (Unr.) of Ripon with 3. Corbett Carroll took the second-place trophy on tie-breaks.

White: Mauricio Melendez (1481)
Black: Julie Vizcaino (1170)
Old Indian (A53)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Bg5 g6 4. Bf6 ef6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Nf3 0-0 7. e3 c5 8. d5 Re8 9. Qc2 f5 10. 0-0-0 Na6 11. a3 Qa5 12. Rd3 f4 13. Qe2 Bf5 14. e4 Qb6 15. Na4 Re4 16. Re3 Re3 17. fe3 Qb3 18. e4 Re8 19. Nd2 Qa4 20. Qf3 b5 21. Be2 Bd7 22. Qf4 Be5 23. Qf3 b4 24. Rf1 Re7 25. Bd1 Qa5 26. h4 f5 27. h5 ba3 28. Bc2 a2 29. Nb3 a1(Q) 30. Na1 Qa1 31. Kd2 Qb2 32. hg6 hg6 33. Qb3 fe4 34. Qb2 Bb2 35. Rb1 Bd4 36. Rb7 e3 37. Ke2 Bg4 0-1

White: Kevin P. Storms (1712)
Black: Joseph de Leon (1900)
Torre Attack D03

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Bg5 e6 4. e3 c5 5. c4 Nbd7 6. Nc3 Qa5 7. Be2 Ne4 8. Qc2 Ng5 9. Ng5 dc4 10. Nh7 Be7 11. h4 g6 12. dc5 Rh7 13. Bc4 Qc5 14. Be6 Ne5 15. Bb3 Bf5!! 16. e4 Bg4 17. Ba4 Nc6 18. Bc6 bc6 19. 0-0 Rh4 20. e5 Qe5 21. g3 Rh1 22. Kh1 Bf3 23. Kg1 Qh5 0-1

White: Robert Raingruber (2064)
Black: Mark E. Davis (1562)
English A40

1. c4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. d5 e6 4. e4 Bc5 5. Nc3 Ne7 6. Nf3 0-0 7. Bd3 Na6 8. a3 Ng6 9. b4 Be7 10. 0-0 c6 11. dc6 dc6 12. Qe2 c5 13. b5 Nc7 14. Rd1 e5 15. Nd5 Ne6 16. Ne1 Bg5 17. g3 Nd4 18. Qh5 Bc1 19. Rac1 a6 20. a4 ab5 21. ab5 Qd6 22. Ra1 Nb3 23. Rab1 Nd4 24. Nf3 Ra3 25. Nd4 cd4 and White won in a blitz ending with no more moves recorded.

White: Mauricio Melendez (1481)
Black: Valerie Beltran (979)
Pirc B07

1. e4 d6 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. h3 Bg7 5. Nf3 0-0 6. d3 e5 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bh4 Nc6 9. Qd2 a6 10. 0-0-0 b5 11. Bb3 g5 12. Bg3 Re8 13. Ne2 g4 14. hg4 Bg4 15. Rh2 d5 16. Rdh1 de4 17. Rh6 ef3 18. Rg6 Kf8 19. Rg7 Kg7 20. Qh6 Kg8 21. Qh8 1-0

Lorenzo Beltran (1064) - Darrel Stovall (Unr.) King Pawn Opening C20 1. e4 e5 2. d3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Bc5 4. Ne5 Qe7 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Nc3 Ng4 7. d4 Bb6 8. Bg5 f6 9. Bc1 d6 10. g3 f5 11. Bg2 fe4 12. Nh4 Bd4 13. 0-0 g5 14. Re1 Bf2 15. Kh1 gh4 16. Re4 Nce5 17. Nd5 Bb6 18. Rg4 Qe6 19. Rh4 Bd7 20. Nb6 ab6 21. Bb7 Bc6 22. Bc6 Nc6 23. Qh5 Kd7 24. Qb5 Qe1 25. Kg2 Raf8 26. Rf4 Rf4 27. gf4 Rg8 28. Kf3 Qh1 29. Ke3 Qe1 30. Qe2 Qg1 31. Kd3 Qd4 0-1 24.

CLASS STRUGGLE

Berkeley's Class Struggle tournament, held at the Student Union on the weekend of June 12-13, drew eight-five players to tilt in this traditional end of the school year event.

IM John Donaldson of Seattle took top honors with 3-1/2 points out of 4. Tied for second-third with 3 points were **NM Bill Orton** and **NM Tigran Ishkanov**. The tournament was directed by **Don Shennum** and **Alan Tse**.

TRIPLE CHECK SECTIONALS

Palo Alto's monthly tournaments at the Jewish Community Center are gaining in popularity under the direction of **Raphael Yelluas**. In the sectional tournament held June 6, **Jimmy Plumb** of Livermore finished on top with 3 points, ahead of **Samuel Brauer**, **Vince Stevens**, and **Eric Brody**. In the second section, **Mark Dean** of San Jose finished first with 3 points, followed by **Jerry Sze** and **Brian Rothbach** with 2.5.

The parallel scholastic event featured three quads of promising young players. Quad I was won by **Yuliya Shamelashvili** of Mt. View, 2.5, Quad II finished in a tie between **Marijo Mont-Reynaud** and **Paul Vladimirsky**, and Quad III was won by **Ruvi Bhambhra** of Fremont with a perfect 3-0.

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1993 SACRAMENTO OPEN

by NM Tom Dorsch, NM Richard Koepcke and NM Keith Mehl

Weekend chess returned to Superior California with the 1993 Sacramento Open, held July 3-5 at the Red Lion Hotel near Cal Expo. A better-than-expected crowd of over 100 players turned out to test their skills, while the Sacramento-area players vied for the title of Sacramento champion. The Red Lion is a large convention hotel across from Sacramento's nicest mall, with lots of attractions and distractions for participants of the chess tournament. Sunday afternoon there was an area-wide power failure for two hours, while the tournament continued with natural light through the ballroom windows, and everyone awaited the return of air conditioning before conditions became too muggy. Later that night the spectacular regional Fourth of July fireworks display at Cal Expo was plainly visible from the hotel.

NM **Richard Koepcke**, from Mountain View, was the highest-rated participant, and justified his ranking by beating his closest rivals in the field of seven Masters and sixteen Experts to take clear first with 4 wins and draws against **Keith Mehl** and **Alan Tse.** Second place went to NM **Zoran Lazetich** of Sacramento, who also captured the title of Sacramento Champion and a very nice trophy as the highest finisher from the Sacramento area. Veteran campaginers NM **Arthur Braden**, NM **David Blohm**, and NM **James MacFarland** tied for third with 4.

The Expert prize went to Northern California high school champ and Denker tournament representative **Peter Lee** of San Francisco, and the top "A" winner was **Winston Tsang,** from Sacramento, both representing the youth movement in Northern California chess.

In the Premeire Section, top honors went to "B" players **David Pecora** and **Dmitry Karshtedt**, both with 5. The "C" winner was **Ken White** of Sunnyvale, while **Ken Oliger** (4.5 points) beat the stress and found success in the U1400 ranks.

The tournament was directed by Carolyn Withgitt and Tom Dorsch.

The Sacramento Chess Club, under President Stewarrt Katz, is planning to augment its regular schedule of club tournament activity for this year and next, including a bid on the US 15-Minute Championship, to be held at the Red Lion Inn on Sunday, December 26, 1993.

SACRAMENTO OPEN WINNERS

Open Section

Open

1. Richard Koepcke (2368)	5
2. Zoran Lazetich (2264)	4.5
3-5. Art Braden (2264)	4
3-5. David Blohm (2257)	4
3-5. James MacFarland (2242)	4

Under 2200

1. Peter Lee (2062)	4.5
2-6. Marc Braverman (2135)	4
2-6. Keith McDaniel (2117)	4
2-6. Joseph Tracy (2102)	4
2-6. Jimmy Plumb (2040)	4
2-6. Seggev Weiss (2026)	4

Under 2000

1. Winston Tsang (1832)	4
2-4. Francis Banffy (1995)	3.5
2-4. J. C. Kuba (1893)	3.5
2-4. Andrew Kolbert (1890)	3.5

Reserve Section

Under 1800

1-2. David Pecora (1787)	5
1-2. Dmitry Karshtedt (1762)	5
3-4. Paul Lillebo (1795)	4.5
3-4. Rodrigo Dioso (1622)	4.5

Under 1600

1. Ken White (1529)	5
2. Harrison Thomas (1509)	4.5
3. Danny Rivera (1507)	4

Under 1400

1. Mark Oliger (Unr.)	4.5
2. Eric Ford (Unr.)	4
3-4. Juan M. Gonzales (1303)	3.5
3-4. Michael Aigner (Unr.)	3.5

The key game for first place in the tournament. Koepcke had to overcome a half-point deficit to catch Lazetich.

White: NM Richard Koepcke (2368)
Black: NM Zoran Lazetich (2264)
Modern Defense [A42]
Annotated by NM Richard Koepcke

1. d4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. c4 Nc6 4. Nf3 e5 5. Be3

Theory considers 5 de Ne5 6. Ne5 Be5 7. f4 as leading to an advantage for White. While this evaluation is probably correct, the advantage is not greater than could be obtained in other lines. Also possible is 5.Bg5 in order to provoke 5...f6 6. Be3, which is a better version of the text line. At the board I wasn't sure about the evaluation of 5...Nge7!? 6. Nc3 h6 7. Be3, i.e. whether it is better for Black to have played the move ...h6 or not.

5...ed4 6. Nd4 Nge7 7. Nc3 d6 8. Be2 0-0 9. g4!?

I don't know about Lazetich, but I was definitely playing on my own here. The idea is to make Black's intended 9...f5 more painful to execute. Since Black can (and

should) play this move anyway, either 9. 0-0 or 9. h4 are better tries for an advantage.

9...Nd4?

Exchanging pieces in order to (temporarily) take control of the central dark squares and activate the queen looks like an enticing plan. The problem is he has to strip the kingside of minor pieces to achieve this goal. If Black keeps his kingside minor pieces on the board for awhile then the move 9...f5 is quite playable. For example, the game Naumkin-Seirawan, Moscow 1990, continued 10.gf gf 11. ef Nd4 (to recapture on f5 with a knight and not allow the response 12.Nf5) 12. Bd4 Nf5 13. Bg7 Ng7 with a slight edge for Black owing to White's exposed f-pawn.

10. Bd4 Bd4 11. Qd4 Nc6 12. Qe3 Qh4

Radically preventing h4. The move 12...f5 13. gf5 gf5 14. Rg1 Kh8 15. ef5 Bf5 16. 0-0-0 would almost be suicidal for Black. However, 12...Be6, threatening 13...Ne5, is a better defensive try.

13. h3?

I spent a lot of time looking at 13.0-0-0 Bg4? 14.Bg4? Qg4 15. Rdg1-Rg3-Rh3, somehow missing that 14.Qf4 wins a piece.

13...Be6

Lashing out in the center with 13...f5 is still too dangerous. A possible continuation might be 14. gf gf 15. Rg1 Kh8 16. ef Bf5 17. Nd5! (threatening Qc3) Rac8 18. Qc3 Ne5 19. Rg3 followed by f4 winning a piece.

14. 0-0-0 Rac8 15. c5

Played in order to obtain a kingside pawn majority and thereby gaining control of e5 .

15...dc5 16. Qc5 Qf6 17. Qe3 Rcd8

An attempt to blockade on the dark squares with 17...g5 fails tactically to 18. h4 Qf4 19. Qf4 gf4 20. Bb5, when Black will soon lose his f-pawn.

18. f4 Nd4 19. Bd3 Qe7 20. e5

20. f5 would be premature because after 20...Bc8 21. Qg3 Nc6! 22. Nd5 Qe5, Black can fend off White's attack.

20...Qc5?

20...c5 gives stiffer resistance.

21. Kb1 Bd5 22. Rhe1

Simultaneously stopping Ne6, Nb3 tricks while preparing a central pawn storm.

22...Bc6 23. f5 Rfe8 24. e6 Qe7?

With his time running out, Black played this move with a draw offer, which I rejected out of hand. 24...fe6 25. fg6 hg6 26. Bg6 Rf8 offered better drawing chances.

25. Bc4 Qh4

Black could have resigned here, but, as is often the case, time pressure propelled him forward.

26. ef7 Kf8 27. fe8(Q) Re8 28. Qd4 Re1 29. Qh8 Ke7 30. Qg7 Ke8 31. Qf7 1-0

A big win by Northern California's reigning Amateur Champion, who, according to the official USCF rating report, gained 28 points in this tournament to raise his rating to 2218.

White: Keith Mehl 2187
Black: NM Arthur Braden 2268
Sicilian Defense [B31]
Annotated by NM Keith Mehl

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 g6 4. 0-0 Bg7 5. c3 Nf6 6. Re1 0-0 7. d4 cd4 8. cd4 a6 9. Bc6.

9. Bf1 is probably best here, but I did not want to lose a tempo.

9...bc6 10. Nc3 Rb8 11. b3

I didn't like 11. Rb1 d5, after exchanging either way, ...Bf5 hits the rook.

11...d6 12. h3

To allow Be3 without ...Ng4.

12...Nd7 13. Be3 c5 14. Rc1 cd4 15. Nd4

After the game, Arthur said he expected 15. Bd4, which is probably stronger. I, however, was looking for tactics with f4-f5 or Nf5 or Ne6.

15...Bb7 16. Qd2

First put every piece on a black square.

16...Nc5?

16...Qa5 is necessary. Now a tactical shot gives White the initiative.

17. b4 Nd7

If 17...Ne4 18. Ne4 Be4 19. Bg5 gives White threats on both the Be4 and the exchange (Bxe7). 17...Ne6 18. Ne6 fe6 is better but still good for White.

18. Bh6 Bh6?!

Letting White trade is better. Here both of us were looking at the position at move 24, with both of us thinking we were better!

19. Qh6 Ne5 20. Rcd1 Qb6 21. Nd5?!

Black wins a pawn, or White sacs a pawn, I couldn't really tell here. but the sac looked interesting, and I couldn't see the end of it. Some of this is a gamble since Black only has 12 minutes to make 10 moves.

21...Bd5 22. ed5 Qb4 23. f4 Nd3 24. Re4

The only move to hold the knight, this threatens f5 and Rh5.

24...f5

Loses instantly.

25. Nf5

Attacks the queen , threatens mate on f7.

25...Qc5 26. Kh2!

Both Ne3 and Nd4 probably lose, however now White has three threats. The rest is straightforward.

26...Rf5 27. Re7 Rf7 28. Rf7 Kf7 29. Qh7 Kf6 30. Rd3 Qf2 31. Rf3 Qd4 32. Qc7 Rb6 33. Qd8 Kf7 34. Qd7 Kf8 35. Qe6 a5 36. f5 g5 37. Qc8 Kf7 38. Qd7 Kf8 39. Qd8 Kf7 40. Qg5 Rb1 41. Re3 Qf6 42. Qh5 Kg7 43. Re6 Qf7 44. Qh6 1-0

COMPUTER CHESS COMES OF AGE

by Walter Wood

Chess by computer telecommunications is becoming increasingly popular. The lure is immediate access to a variety of opponents, news, talk, and game scores from various parts of the world, all within reach of the most comfortable chair in your home.

Chess at home through the computer offers maximum flexibility in scheduling, choice of opponents, comfort and convenience.

There are numerous computer bulletin boards as well as national services. All require a home computer with a modem, a telephone line, and communications software, a system that could cost from a low end of about $500 to ten times that much or more. For example, to log on the Berkeley WWIV Chess BBS (BWCB), set communications parameters to N-8-1, 2400 baud, and dial (510) 486-0795. You will soon be reading chess messages, playing "BBS Chess", and downloading chess related files.

On Bulletin Board systems (BBS), or bulletin boards (BBs), one generally plays correspondence chess where a game is set up and the players call and leave their moves alternately. Some BBs use graphic chess boards, some text boards, some use messages. The Berkeley WWIV Chess BBS is open 24 hours per day and the only cost is the phone call.

National services include GEnie, Compuserve, USA Today (or LINC), Sierra Network (currently trendy with power users), and Usenet (Internet). Internet is available without cost to most people affiliated with universities and larger corporations, but can be prohibitively expensive for unaffiliated individuals. National services generally charge more than local BBs, ranging from a flat rate of about $12 per month to in excess of $12 per hour. The advantage of national services is that they generally support live on-line play rather than "computer postal."

A list of several chess BBs appeared in Chess Life, April 1993, p. 58. Most BBS systems allow communication with users of other BBS systems. The BWCB is connected to WWIV net, which spans the U.S. and Canada. The advantage of such BBS networks for correspondence chess is that there is no cost to the user if he can reach a node with a local call. Many BBS networks allow connection to other networks via gateways. In this way, the BWCB allows users to read and post messages on Usenet (Internet) rec.games.chess and Fidonet International Chess Echo.

The following game was played in this year's BWCB. Ratings are BBS Postal.

White: NM J DeWitt ("Cowboy2") (2324)
Black: NM Walter Wood (2200)
French Defense McCutcheon Var. [C12]
Annotated by Walter Wood

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Bb4 5. e5 h6 6. Bd2 Bc3 7. bc3 Ne4 8. Qg4 g6

This is one of the main lines of the McCutcheon variation. In his book, The Game of Chess, Tarrasch recommended 8...Kf8 rather than weakening the kingside pawns. After 8...g6 White will be able to overrun the kingside, but Black hopes to have counterplay on the queenside.

9. h4 c5 10. Bd3 Nd2 11. Kd2 Nc6 12. Rh3 Qa5 13. Bg6 Nd4

At Budapest in 1921 Bogoljubov lost to Dr. Euwe after 13...Rf8 14. Rf3! The move 13...Nd4, attributed to T.D. Harding, is to prevent 14. Rf3 and threaten 14...Rg8.

14. Rg3 Rf8 15. Bh7 Bd7 16. Qf4 0-0-0 17. Qh6 Bb5

White has indeed overrun the kingside, but Black has counterplay based on the unsafe location of the white king. We are still in known theory until White makes his next move, which appears to be an attempt to improve on 18. Qe3 as analyzed by Harding. The results of this game do not convince me that the next move is an improvement.

18. Qf4 Nc6!!

Attack by moving back?! Black realizes that he must open the d-file with ...d4! after which the white king will not be safe.

19. a4 Ba6 20. Ne2 d4 21. Ke1 dc3

It is now very clear that White's king is in peril. Black threatens ...Rd2 with devastating effect. White cannot prevent this by taking the c3-pawn with 22. Nc3 because of 22...Bd3!!. Note that 22. Bd3 could be answered with 22...Nb4!, and 22. Be4 and 22. Re3 by ...Rd2.

22. Rd1 Rd1 23. Kd1 Rd8 24. Ke1 Nd4

Now 25. Nc3 will be answered by 25...Ne2!. Also, 25. Nd4 can be answered by 25...Qb4! 26. Ne2 Rd1 27. Kd1 Be2 28. Ke2 Qf4 with a winning position for Black. In this line after 25...Qb4!, 26. Bd3 Qb1 27. Ke2 Rd4 28. Rg8 Kc7 29. Qf7 Rd7 30. Qe6 Bd3 wins.

25. Bd3 Bd3 26. Nd4 Bc4 27. Nc6?! Qa4

Threatening mate in two and holding on to the powerful bishop.

28. Ne7 Kb8 29. Qc1 Bb5 0-1

White Resigns. White's king still has no moves and the simultaneous threats of ...Qh4 and ...Qe4 are overwhelming. As far as I know, this is Cowboy2's only loss in over 41 games on the BWCB! My secret? Play him during tax season; he's a CPA.

1993 US JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

by Don Shennum

It was easy to tell the out-of-towners at this tournament; they were the ones asking about The Naked Guy. While he hasn't been spotted in Berkeley in recent memory, June 25th-27th saw the return of something else to Berkeley. Namely, the U.S. Junior Open Chess Championship. In 1985, this tournament drew 110 players to Berkeley. This year, 138 young players participated in the first National tournament in the Bay Area since 1990. Though players came from as far away as Illinois, Northern California youth dominated play in all four sections.

With only sixteen players and an average rating of about 2100,the **Under 21** section proved to be the most competitive and volatile. In the end, **Valdis Saulespurens** (2165) and **Andy McManus** (2349) tied for first with a 4.5-1.5 score. After tie-breaks were determined, Saulespurens, a 19 year-old UCSB student, originally from Latvia, took the first-place trophy and automatic seed in next year's US Junior Invitational. As the number seven seed, Saulespurens played seeds one through six, including a first-round upset over top-ranked McManus. McManus, an Oakland native on summer break from Duke University, rebounded well from his early loss, giving up only a draw through the rest of the tournament. In the fifth round, McManus had the chance to put some additional pressure on the front-running Saulespurens. Playing **Alan Stein** (2295), the only player to beat Saulespurens, McManus had a pawn advantage and about fifty minutes left in the sudden death time control, compared to Stein's five minutes. Alan was able to simplify to a Rook and Pawn versus Rook and Pawn ending, and, with less than two minutes left on his clock, offered McManus a draw. McManus, with over forty minutes left, agreed to the draw. Stein eventually finished in sole third place with 4.

At the NorCal Scholastic tournament held in late March, Peter Lee took first place in the High School section, a half-point ahead of Adrian Keatinge-Clay. In the **Under 17** section of this year's Junior Open, the situation was reversed. **Adrian Keatinge-Clay** (1999) captured sole first place with an undefeated 5-1 score. A half-point behind him at 4.5-1.5 were **Peter Lee** (2062), **Brian Jew** (1961), and **Sergey Kirshner** (Unr.). Peter stayed on the top board for the whole tournament, yielding only a draw to Keatinge-Clay entering the last round. In the last round, Brian Jew dealt Lee his only loss of the tournament, allowing Keatinge-Clay to sneak into first place with his victory over **Mike Karbushev.**

Also at the NorCal Scholastics, **Jennie Frenklakh** (1989) of Monterey cruised through the Junior High section with an undefeated score. Outranking the rest of the **Under 13** section field by over 200 points she was expected to repeat the result. However, Jennie proved to be less than invincible in the first round when she was held to a draw by **Andrew Fan** (1181. She rebounded from this to score five straight victories en route to clear first place with a 5.5-.5 score. Jennie represents the U.S. this summer at the World Youth Championships in Slovakia. Jennie is an atypical young chessplayer in that she uses a lot of time to think about her moves. More than once she fell into time trouble in slightly inferior positions. However, she showed determination beyond her years by digging in and winning five games in a row.

Kevin Simler (1575) finished in clear second place with a 5-1 score. His only loss was to Jennie, and he posted some nice upset victories over a couple of "B" players along the way.

With 52 players, the **Under 10** section was by far the largest section of the tournament. The top-rated trio of **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1961), **Philip Wang** (1697), and **Vinay Bhat** (1639), towered over the rest of the field by over 400 points. No clear leader emerged until Sunday when this trio finally faced each other. In the fifth round, Jordy and Wang drew an exciting game in which each player had winning chances. A group of Expert-rated spectators(including this writer) had gathered to watch the game's conclusion when Wang slightly stunned the crowd by agreeing to a draw. These Experts pointed out a supposed winning continuation to Wang, but he calmly refuted all of the "Expert" analysis, proving that he was smart to take the draw while he could.

Vinay was held to a draw by **Jeffrey Lonsdale** (1278), preventing a last-round matchup between Jordy and Vinay. In the last round, Jordy quickly disposed of Jeffrey and Vinay held Wang to a draw, allowing Jordy to take clear first with a 5.5-.5 score. In a four-way tie for second place at 5-1 were **Philip Wang, David Delatorre** (1161), **Chris Behrens** (1209), and **Matthew Leali** (1201), with Wang taking the second-place trophy on tie-breaks.

The US Junior Open was organized by **Alan Tse**, with A.S.U.C./S.U.P.E.R.B. Productions. Local Masters were available all weekend to help the players analyze their games. This year's US Junior Open marked the return of NTD **Andy Lazarus** to the Bay Area chess scene. Lazarus, who directed at

the '85 Junior Open, ably directed this year's Open, with help from **Don Shennum** and Alan Tse. Thanks also go out to **Ray Orwig**, **Carolyn Withgitt**, **Tom Dorsch**, and **Laura Greenlee**, who helped throughout the weekend.

White: Vinay Bhat (1639)
Black: Jeffrey Lonsdale (1275)
Two Knight's Defense [C55]
Annotated by Jeffrey Lonsdale

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. d4 Ne4 5. de5

[Theory recommends 5.Bf7 Kf7 6.Ne5±—Ed.]

5...Qe7 6. Qd5

This is too early to bring out the queen. It loses a pawn. 6. Bf4 looks better.

6...Nf6 7. Qd1 Ne5 8. Ne5

If 8.Be2 or Qe2, then Nf3, wrecking White's pawns.

8...Qe5 9. Be2 d5

Taking control of the center.

10. Be3 Be7 11. Nc3 c5

Threatening ...d4. White is in serious trouble now. 12.Bd2 holds, but after ...d4 Black has a great game.

12. Bb5? Kf8!

Winning a piece. If 12...Bd7 (Nd7) 13. Bd7, then 14.Ne2 avoids losing more material.

13. Ne2 a6 14. Bf4 Qe6 15. Bd3 c4 16. 0-0 cd3

I am ahead a piece, but my king is exposed and it will be tough developing my king's rook.

17. Nd4

17.Qd3 is best, this loses another pawn. Vinay is very eager to attack back.

17...Qe4 18. Be3 dc2 19. Qd2

Wanting to keep his knight in the middle, but 19...Nc2 was better. the pawn will become dangerous.

19...Bc5 20. Rfe1 Bd4 21. Bd4 Qg6 22. Qb4 Kg8 23. Qe7 Bh3

Threatening mate on g2 and protecting the back rank.

24. g3 h6

Making a safe place for my king.

25. Qb7 Kh7

Safe at last, but now he doubles on the seventh.

26. Re7 Rhe8 27. Rf7

Oops! I was planning 27...Re2, then 28.Rae8 or Rd2, but I missed 27...Bf6, crashing through on g7.

27...Rf8 28. Rc7

I think this holds. If 28. Rf6 Rf6 29. Qa8 Qe4!; or 28.Rf6 Rf6 29. Bf6 Qf6 30. Qa8 Qb2 wins.

28...Rg8

I want to free my queen to play ...Qe4.

29. Re1

This makes it tougher to play ...Qe4, but my next move makes it a real threat.

29...Rac8 30. b3 Qe4!

Yes! There is no way to avoid mate. I beat Vinay Bhat! Not many persons my age have beaten the two-time national champion!

31. Rg7 Rg7 32. Qg7 Kg7 33. Bf6 Kg6 34. Re4 c1(R) 35. Re1 Re1 0-1

Andy McManus describes the following lovely game as his "most brilliant ever."

White: Andy McManus 2349
Black: Tigran Ishkanov 2250
Modern Defense [B07]

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c6 4. Bc4 d5 5. ed5 cd5 6. Bd3 Bg4 7. f3 Bd7 8. Nge2 e6 9. Bg5 Be7 10. Qd2 a6 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Ng3 Nc6 13. Qf4 Qb6 14. Nce2 e5 15. Qh4 Nd4 16. Kh1 e4 17. fe4 Ne2 18. Rf6 Ng3 19. hg3 Bf6 20. e5 g6 21. Bf6 Qe3 22. Rf1 Rfe8 23. e6 Re6 24. Bd4 Qd2 25. Rf7 Kf7 26. Qh7 Ke8 27. Qg8 Ke7 28. Bc5 Rd6 29. Qg7 Kd8 30. Qf8 Kc7 31. Qd6 Kc8 32. Bb6 Qd1 33. Kh2 Qh5 34. Kg1 1-0

White: Sergey Iskotz 2326
Black: Valdis Saulespurens 2149
Reti Opening [A09]

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. g3 Nf6 4. b3 Be7 5. Bb2 0-0 6. Bg2 c6 7. 0-0 b5 8. d3 Nbd7 9. Nbd2 Qb6 10. Rc1 a5 11. Qc2 Ba6 12. e4 Rfc8 13. e5 Ne8 14. Ba1 Bb7 15. d4 c5 16. Qd3 dc4 17. bc4 cd4 18. Bd4 Nc5 19. Qe3 b4 20. Rb1 Qc7 21. Nb3 Ra6 22. Rfd1 Nb3 23. ab3 Bc5 24. Ng5 Bg2 25. Kg2 h6 26. Ne4 Bd4 27. Qd4 a4 28. ba4 Qc4 29. Rb4 Qd4 30. Rdd4 Rca8 31. Nd2 Nc7 32. Rbc4 R6a7 33. Nb3 Nd5 34. a5 Rb8 35. Rd3 Rb5 36. f4 Rab7 37. a6 Ra7 38. Ra4 Nc7 39. Rd8 Kh7 40. Nd4 Rb2 41. Kh3 Ra6 42. Rc4 Nd5 43. Rcc8 Nf4 44. Kg4 Ng6 45. h4 Ne5 46. Kf4 Ng6 47. Ke4 f5 48. Kd3 Ra3 49. Kc4 Ne5 50. Kc5 Ra5 51. Kd6 Nf7 52. Ke6 Nd8 53. Rd8 Rb6 54. Ke7 Re5 0-1

White: Adrian Keatinge-Clay 1999
Black: Peter Lee 2062
Gruenfeld Defense [D86]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cd5 Nd5 5. e4 Nc3 6. bc3 Bg7 7. Bc4 e5 8. Be3 Nc6 9. Ne2 0-0 10. 0-0 Bg4 11. f3 Na5 12. Bd3 ed4 13. cd4 Be6 14. d5 Ba1 15. Qa1 f6 16. Rb1 Bd7 17. Bh6 Re8 18. e5 c6 19. ef6 Kf7 20. Bg7 cd5 21. Qd4 Re6 22. Nf4 Rf6 23. Bf6 Qf6 24. Qd5 Be6 25. Ne6 Qe6 26. Rb7 Nb7 27. Qb7 Kf6 28. Qa8 Qe3 29. Kf1 Qd3 30. Kf2 Qd2 31. Kg3 Qa2 32. Qh8 Kf5 33. Qf8 1/2

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SILICON VALLEY SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS

by NM Peter Yu

Not since the last National Elementary was held in Northern California, over ten years ago, has chess returned to the grand Red Lion Inn of San Jose. The Silicon Valley Summer Chess Championship, held over the July 17-18 weekend, once again featured a premier tournament venue. This time, eighty-five players participated in the latest of the Silicon Valley tournaments, one of the nicest series of tournaments around. Pat Howlett served as chief organizer and TD assisted by Doug Dekker and Mike Arné.

In the Championship Section, **NM Burt Izumikawa** (2354) won clear first with 3.5 points out of 4 among a field of nine Masters and eight Experts. As always, the tournament featured one computer entrant...an extra that spectators have come to expect at Silicon Valley events. However, due to the lack of willing human opponents, the **Mephisto Berlin** (2350) was relegated to the modest role of "house "player". Like previous Silicon Valley tournaments, round one featured its share of upsets. This time the victim was third-seeded **NM Peter Yu** (2349), whose loss to **Haryanto Daud** (2156) meant an end to his streak of first-place finishes during the previous three Silicon Valley Championships. Another big upset was San Franciscan **Paul Liebhaber's** (2047) win over **NM Michael Tomey** (2256). Board five nearly saw another upset loss, as **NM Julia Tverskaya** (2342) barely escaped Kolty Chess Club member **Kevin Zeigler** (2108) with a lucky draw.

Everyone seemed to recover in round two as the pairings became a little tighter. With the exception of a draw between top seed **NM Richard Koepcke** (2368) and **NM Mike Arné** (2320) on board one, and a minor upset when **Robert Taylor** (2053) beat **Keith Mehl** (2187), all of the higher-rated players overcame their opponents. It was already becoming clear that the section winner would have to survive a war of attrition, as master versus master pairings have started as early as round two. **Doug Dekker** (2131) became the first and only human to fall at the sensors of the computer.

Round three matched up the two perfect scores, **FM Renard Anderson** (2342) and Izumikawa on top board. After a tense opening and middlegame, Izumikawa "won" Anderson's queen for a rook and bishop. But without any remaining support pieces, Izumikawa could not penetrate Anderson's solid setup and the game was drawn. Board two saw a nice King's Indian win by Tverskaya over top seed Koepcke. Meanwhile, on board three, the struggling Yu held fellow U.C. Berkeley alum Arné to a second draw. The Mephisto Berlin was not as lucky, as Liebhaber proved once again that even master computers are terrible in the endgame. Both Daud and Taylor chipped in upsets as they beat Tomey and **WIM Liz Neely** (2219), respectively.

This set the stage for round four, as the winner of Tverskaya-Izumikawa could wind up in a tie for first if Anderson is able to beat Arné on board two. Of course, a draw on board one would allow Anderson a shot at clear first, or it could all end up in a huge tie for first with 3 points. But when all was said and done, Izumikawa prevailed over Tverskaya to take first place, while Anderson drew Arné to finish in second. Experts Daud and Taylor also drew, both tying for the top Under 2250 prize. Liebhaber was unable to finish in the money after losing a piece early to Koepcke. Oddly enough, the only "insignificant" outcome—not affecting prizes—produced one of the fiercest games of all, as Neely and Yu played on only for respect amidst a field of last-round withdrawals.

Despite the presence of Experts in Section II, the A-players ruled the day in the Under 2100 Section. Kolty Chess Club's **Bill Shauck** (1946) notched a perfect 4-0 performance to win clear first in the tournament's largest section. Shauck beat **Dr. Donald Lieberman** (1925) in the last round, but Lieberman still won the top Under 1950 prize handily at 3-1. In fact, a decisive result on board one was precisely what the Experts feared in the final round, as this shut out recent UC Berkeley grad **Don Shennum** (2042) and defending Silicon Valley top Expert **David Herscovici** (2013) from a piece of first place. As a consolation, the two experts shared second, each with an excellent 3.5-.5 showing.

Section III provided the only "Grandmaster Draw" of the tournament, as **Von Motschenbacher** (1663) and **Karl Bohlmann** (1593) split first and second, after agreeing to a draw on top board in round four. The top Under 1650 prize was awarded to bottom-seed **Sergey Ostrovsky** (999) at 3-1. Some may attribute the surprising finish to Sergey's round one full-point bye, since he was the lowest rated odd man out. On the other hand, players named Sergey tend to have a better chance of intimidating their opponents.

In Section IV, **James Clark** (1480) dominated the opposition with a sweeping 4-0 finish. Clark offed newcomer **Daniel Hansen** (Unr.) in the last round, giving unrated **Ilya Yeluashvili** a lock on clear second place with 3.5 points. Yeluashvili also played

perfectly, but was held back by his own request of a half-point bye during the second round. The top Under 1350 prize went to **Stephen Croft** (1268) with three points. Croft's only loss was in round one to the eventual section winner.

Below is the last round game which determined the Championship Section winner.

White: NM Julia Tverskaya (2342)
Black: NM Burt Izumikawa (2354)
Sicilian Defense [B33]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5

The game has entered the Pelikan Variation of the Sicilian Defense. Less promising options for White are i) 7. a4 Nb4!? 8. Na3 Be7 9. Bb5+ Nd7 10. Nc4 0-0 11. 0-0 Nf6 12. Ne3 Be6 13. Qe2 =, ii) 7. Nd5 Nxd5 8. exd5 Ne7 9. c3!? (or c4) Nf5! =, and iii) 7. Be3 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Nd5 Rb8! 10. Nxf6+ Qxf6 11. Nb1 Bb7 12. Nc3 Nd4! 13. Bxd4 exd4 14. Nd5 Bxd5=.

7...a6

If 7...Be6, 8. Nd5!? Rc8 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. c3 a6 11. Na3 b5!? (...f5 may be better) 12. Nc2 f5 13. exf5 and White keeps a slight edge.

8. Na3

White is best off removing his knight from danger before embarking on any sort of attack. For example, after 8. Bxf6 gxf6 9. Na3 Black can bypass the usual ...b5 and counter-attack immediately with 9...d5!? or ...f5!?

8...b5 9. Nd5

The maneuver 9. Nab1 is too slow as after 9...Be7 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. a4 b4 12. Nd5 Bg5 Black equalizes and White still has not developed his b1-knight.

More aggressive is 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Nd5 f5 11. Nxb5!? axb5 12. Bxb5 with compensation for White. Objectively speaking, the razor-sharp sacrifice on b5 may be unwarranted as White gets a decent game after 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. Nd5 f5 11. Bd3! Regardless, 9. Nd5 as played in the game promises to be just as good, if not stronger.

9...Be7

Black can complicate matters with 9...Qa5+!? 10. Bd2 Qd8 11. c4!? Nxd5 12. exd5, leading to uncharted territory.

10. Bf6

If 10. Nxe7 Qxe7 =

10...Bf6 11. c3 Bg5 12. Bd3?!

White has mixed up her variations. The bishop belongs on d3 only in lines with gxf6. Here the move wastes valuable time and accomplishes nothing since Black will not play ...f5. Best would have been 12. Nc2 0-0 13. a4 bxa4 14. Rxa4 a5 15. Bc4 Rb8 16. b3 Kh8, and White has a slight pull.

12...0-0 13. Nc2 Be6 14. h4

A risky plan for White as her uncastled status will eventually come back to haunt her. On general principle, White's "attack" cannot succeed since Black's pieces are not at all structurally impeded from shifting to the kingside. Meanwhile, White must reorganize her queenside pieces to bear down on Black's king.

14...Bh6 15. g4 f6 16. Nce3 Bxe3 17. Ne3 Ne7 18. Bc2

White must prevent Black from freeing himself with ...d5 and relies on tactics to hinder it. For example, if Black had played 17...d5? last move, then 18. cxd5 Bd5 19. Nxd5 Qxd5? 20. Bxh7!+ wins Black's queen. In the current position, White is counting on an eventual pin along the a2-g8 diagonal to prevent the d5-push.

18...Qd7 19. Bb3 Rfd8

19. Rad8 may be better, but as tempting as White's next move appears, it will be insufficient.

20. g5?! Rf8 21. gf6 Rf6 22. Rg1?

22. Qg4 may have been White's last chance, as it prevents ...Rf4. Black's bishop, queen and f6-rook will be frozen for one move, just enough time for White to exchange on e6 and keep her game afloat. The text does nothing to prevent Black from winning a pawn.

22...Rf4 23. Rg4 Raf8

Now it becomes clear that the uncastled king is a liability.

24. Rf4 Rf4 25. Be6 Qe6 26. Qb3 Kf7 27. 0-0-0 Qb3 28. ab3 Ke6

Following the exchange of queens, White is practically lost.

29. Rg1 g6 30. h5 Re4

Black has patiently waited for eight moves, and finally cashes in on his solid play. Now, it will be a matter of technique.

31. hg6 hg6 32. Kd2 a5 33. c4 b4 34. Ra1 Rf4 35. Ke2 Nc6 36. Nd5 Rh4 37. Nc7 Ke7 38. Nb5 Rh3 39. f3 Rh2 40. Ke3 Rb2 41. Ke4 Rb3

White should resign here. However, with a first prize of $280 at stake, she makes one last attempt at cheapos.

42. Rh1 a4 43. Rh7 Kf8 44. Rh8 Kg7 45. Ra8 a3 46. Nd6 Rb2 47. Kd5 a2 48. Kc6

Has Black fallen asleep at the wheel? No, Burt simply has fixated on one winning plan—queening.

48...b3 49. Ra7 Kh6 50. Nf7 Kh5 51. Ne5 Rb1 52. f4 Kh4

Not that easy!

53. Ng6 Kg3 54. Ne5 a1(Q)

Reality hits White, as now the knight will be no match for the powerful black rook.

55. Ra1 Ra1 56. Nd3 Rd1 57. Nb2 Rd2 58. Na4 Ra2 59. Nc3 Rc2 60. Nb1 Rc4 61. Kd5 Rc1 62. Na3 b2 63. f5 Ra1 0-1

At long last, Burt's sensible, tough play gives him a clear first among a field of closely-rated 2300's. A hard-earned win for the always-courteous lifetime Senior Master.

OPENINGS THEORY: SICILIAN DRAGON

A NEW METEOR IN THE SKY

by GM Andras Adorjan

Have you heard about the newest chess phenomenon to burst upon the international scene, thirteen-year-old Hungarian IM Peter Lecko? He is now poised to become the youngest Grandmaster in the history of chess, eclipsing the record of Judit Polgar and Robert Fischer before her. His name will become quite well known in the next few years. Here is a sample of his play, and some theoretically important material on his favorite opening, the Sicilian Dragon.

White: Tolnai 2490
Black: Peter Lecko 2460
1992 Hungarian Championship
Sicilian Dragon [B77]

Annotated by GM Andras Adorjan and IM Peter Lecko

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Bc4 0-0 8. Bb3 d6 9. f3 Bd7 10. Qd2 Nd4 11. Bd4 b5 12. h4

12. 0-0-0 a5 13. a4?! (13. a3 Rb8=) 13...b4 14. Nb5 Bc6 15. c3 bc3 16. Qc3 Qd7 is good for Black. Ornstein-Forintosh 1972-14/446)

12...a5 13. h5?

13. a4 ba4 14. Na4 e5 15. Be3 Be6 16. Nb6 (16. 0-0-0 Bb3 17. cb3 unclear) Rb8 17. Qa5 Bb3 18. cb3 d5! 19. Nd5 (19. ed5 e4 is good for Black) Nd5 20.Qd5 Qd5 21.ed5 Rb3 22.Bc5 Rc8 23.Ba3 e4 24.0-0 1/2 Liberzon-Adorian, Moscow 1971—12/440)

13... e5

13...a4? 14. Bf6! Bf6 15. hg6

14. Be3 a4 15. Bd5 b4 16. Ne2 Nd5 17. Qd5

17. ed5 Qe7 18. hg6 fg6 19. Bh6 Bh6 20. Qh6 Rfc8 21. Qd2 Bf5 and Black is better, Gusen-Hasin, USSR 1977

17...Be6 18. Qd2 d5

A new move. 18...Qb8? 19. Bh6 Bh6 20. Qh6 Ra7 21. f4! ef4 22. Nf4 Qc8 23. 0-0 Bc4 24. Rf2 Qg4 25. a3 b3? 26. cb3 Bb3 27. Raf1 Ra5 28. hg6 hg6 29. Ng6 1-0 Tolnoi-Stoinosh, Budapest 1992 ;b3 19. cb3 ab3 20. a3 d5 unclear. Romanishin-Miles, Bath 1973

19. hg6

19. Bc5 de4! 20. Bf8 Qf8 21. hg6 hg6 22. fe4 Qc5 (intending Bf6, Rd8) and Black has compensation

19...fg6

19...hg6 20. Bh6 de4 21. Qe3 ef3 22. Bg7 Kg7 23. Qh6 (23. Qe5 f6 24. Qe6 Re8) Kf6 24. Ng3 Qd4 -+ ;hg6 20. Qb4 Rb8 21. Qa3 Qa5 and Black is better ;hg6 20. ed5 Qd5 21. Qb4 e4! 22. fe4 (22. Nc3 Qc4) Qe5 23. c3 Rfb8 (or 23. Bh6 Qb2) favors Black ;hg6 20. Bc5 de4 and Black has compensation (see 19.Bc5 line). **20. Bc5**

20. Qb4 Rb8 21. Qa3 Qa5 favors Black

20...Rf7 21. Bb4 Rd7! 22. ed5 Rd5 23. Qe3 Bf5 24. 0-0

24. Rc1 Bc2 25. Nc3 Rd4 26. Rc2 (26. Bc5 Bf5) Rb4 27. Ne4 Rab8 28. 0-0 (28. Qe2 Qd4) Rb2 and Black is on the verge of a win

24...Rb8! 25. a3

25. Bc3? Bf8-+

25...Bc2 26. Qf2 Rc8 27. Rfe1 e4! 28. Bc3 Bc3 29. Nc3 Rd2 30. Re2 Re2 31. Ne2 ef3?

31...Qd2! 32. fe4 (32. Nc3 e3) Rf8 33. Qe1 Qe3 34. Kh2 Rf2 35. Ng3 Qf3 36. Qg1 Qf4-+)

32. Nd4! Be4 33. Re1 Bd5 34. Nf3 Qf6 35. Nd4?

Time pressure. Better 35. Qd4 Qd4 36. Nd4 Rb8 and Black has only a slight edge

35...Qg5 36. Nf3 Qf5 37. Nd4 Qg4 38. Nf3?!

38. Re2 Bg2

38...Rf8

Black now can force a won K+P endgame position.

39. Re3 Bf3 40. Rf3 Rf3 41. Qf3 Qf3 42. gf3 Kf7 0-1

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Taking advantage of Black's inability to respond with 12...Ne5. Now g5 is threatened, driving the knight to e8.

12...Nc4.

12...d5 is another possibility, though Black is hardly OK after 13. Bf6 Bf6 14. ed5 ef5 15. Nf5.

13. g5?!

13. Bc4 Qc4 14. b3 Qc7, and then 15. g5 is more accurate.

13...Ne8

13...Ne5 offers some hope for survival.

14. Bc4 Qc4 15. f6 Bd8 16. Bf2

White has a strategically won game because his kingside attack is many tempi ahead of Black's queenside counterplay, and Black has insufficient force on the kingside to defend himself.

16...g6 17. h4 b5 18. b3

Normally, weakening the side you are defending should be avoided at all costs. The justification here is that Black must lose several tempi rearranging his pieces before he can continue his counterattack.

18...Qc7 19. h5 b4 20. Na4 Rb8

In order the defend the second rank.

21. Rh4!

There is no hurry to open the h-file because Black cannot take active measures there. White has time to build his forces before initiating the decisive breakthrough.

21...Rb7 22. Rdh1 Qa5 23. Be3 e5

Allows the following combination, but there was nothing better.

24. Nc6 Qc7 25. Ne7!

Preventing Black's heavy pieces from assisting on the kingside.

25...Be7 26. hg6

The point of the last move. Now Black will have to return the piece with interest to stave off mate.

26...fg6 27. Rh7 Nf6 28. Rh8 Kf7 29. gf6

Regaining his piece, with more material to follow.

?9...Ke8 30. fe7 Qe7 31. Rf8 Qf8 32. Qf8 Kf8 33. Rh8 1-0

White: Jimmy Plumb (2039)
Black: John Romo (2184)
Two Knights Defense [C55]
Annotated by Richard Koepcke

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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 ed4 5. 0-0 Ne4

A safe and popular way to avoid the complexities of the Max Lange Attack.

6. Re1 d5 7. Bd5 Qd5 8. Nc3 Qa5 9. Ne4 Be6 10. Bd2

This natural developing move leads to quick equality if Black wants it. Therefore, the player with White may prefer 10.N4g5.

10...Qd5 11. Bg5 Bd6 12. Bf6 0-0 13. Nd4

A new move, though not a real improvement on the book move 13...Bd4.

13...Nd4 14. Bd4 Be7

The game would be dead even after 14...Be5. By keeping the bishop pair on the board, Black keeps winning chances alive in exchange for short term passivity.

15. c3 c5?

Losing a pawn. 15...Rad8 keeps the position balanced.

16. Nc5 Bc5 17. Re5 Qd6 18. Rc5 Rac8?
19. Rg5 f6?

19...g6 is the only way to prolong the game.

20. Rg7

Of course not 20...Kg7 21. Bf6 Rf6 22. Qd6.

20...Kh8 21. Rg3 Bd5 22. Qh5 Bf7 23. Qh6 1-0.

LATE FLASH! WE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT PALO ALTO'S JORDY MONT-REYNAUD WON THE BOYS UNDER 10 SILVER MEDAL IN THE WORLD YOUTH TOURNAMENT IN BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA. CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT PERFORMANCE!

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There are more countries in the World Chess Federation than in any other international sporting body—even soccer—except the International Olympic Committee.

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Paramount Pictures is producing a major motion picture on chess and kids, "Searching for Bobby Fischer," due for release in August, starring Ben Kingsley, Joe Mantegna, and Larry Fishburne

DAVIS CHESS CLUB JUNE QUICK CH

The Davis Chess Club celebrated the end of final exams, and club president and former Davis Mayor **Dave Rosenberg**'s election as Treasurer of the California Democratic Party, with a five-round Swiss-system Quick chess tournament, 15 minutes per game, on June 17. Local favorite **Marc Braverman** was the winner with a perfect 5 points, besting two-time winner **Dave Oppedal**, who finished with 4. Sacramento Club President **Stewart Katz** took third with 3.5. Winner of the U1700 prize was Davis' **Michael Aigner**, 3 points, and the best U1400 player was **Sean Crowe**. All of the winners received trophies. The tournament was directed by Tom Dorsch.

Davis is planning to host a two-day weekend Swiss on September 11-12, directed by Gerald Lim, and holds rated Quick-chess 15-minute tournaments monthly.

KOLTY CLUB IN CAMPBELL

The Kolty Club in Campbell, just south of San Jose, recently completed its Summer Knights tournament, featuring some of Northern California's most promising young players. The winner is **Teri Lagier** (1872). The bottom section ended in a two-way tie between **Philip Herz** and **Carl Odegaard**.

Craig Smith has now taken over the day-to-day management of the Kolty Club and is listed as contact person in the Club Listings on p.27 of this magazine. The Kolty Club is one of Northern California's "big five" clubs, with total peak membership of 100 or more (along with Berkeley, Burlingame, Mechanics' Institute, and Palo Alto).

Here are two games from the recent tournament. One is an upset win, and a nice game, by one of the club's improving players. The second is a fine effort by one of the club's newest members.

White: Harish Bhat
Black: Bruce Matzner
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e4 d5 2. ed5 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nd5 4. d4 g6 5. Bc4 Bg7 6. 0-0 0-0 7. Re1 Nc6 8. Bd5 Qd5 9. Nc3 Qc4 10. Bf4 Nd4 11. Re7 Ne6 12. Be5 Be5 13. Ne5 Qh4 14. Nd5 Rd8 15. Qf3 f5 16. Rf7 Ng5 17. Ne7 Kh8 18. N5g6 hg6 19. Qc3 Qd4 20. Rd1 Nf7 21. Rd4 Rd4 22. Qd4 Kh7 23. Qf6 Nh8 24. Qf8 g5 25. Qg8 1-0

White: John King (1511)
Black: Stephen Papastefanou (1242) Kolty Club Summer Open • 6/17/93

1. d4 f5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Nh3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. c4 d6 6. Nc3 c6 7. 0-0 0-0 8. b3 Qe8 9. Bb2 e5 10. de5 de5 11. Qc2 Na6 12. a3 h6 13. Kh1 Ng4!? 14. Nd1 e4 15. e3 Be6 16. Bg7 Kg7 17. Nf4 Bf7 18. h3 Ne5 19. Qc3 Kh7 20. Nb2 Rd8 21. Rad1 Qe7! 22. b4 g5 23. Ne2 Bh5 24. Rd8 Rd8 25. Nd4 Qf6 26. c5 Nc7 27. Rc1 Bf7 28. Qc2 Bg6 29. Kg1 h5 30. Rf1 Ne6 31. Rd1 Nd4 32. Rd4 Nf3 33. Bf3 ef3! 34. Qd2 Rd4 35. Qd4 Qd4 36. ed4 Bf7 37. Kf1 Kg7 38. Ke1 Kf6 39. Kd2 Ke6 40. Nd1 Kd5 41. Kc3 Ke4 42. Nb2 f4 43. gf4 Kf4 44. Nd3 Ke4 45. Ne5 Be6 46. Nd3 Bh3 47. Ne1 Bf5 48. a4 h4 49. b5 h3 50. d5 cd5 51. b6 ab6 52. cb6 h2 0-1

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The March/April California ***Chess Journal*** gave good crime reportage in the Norman Whitaker tradition. I trust your good readers have derived the appropriate moral lessons...namely that both chess and hitch-hiking are shortcuts to the jail yard, and that chess can **really** make you **smart** (as in **ouch**)!

Keith Halonen
Santa Rosa

Dear Editor:

Just a brief note to tell you how much I enjoy (and profit from) the Journal.

I'm a novice player, and I find David Forthoffer's "What's the Best Move?" particularly helpful (and challenging). Please continue to include it in future issues.

Again, thanks for publishing the Journal; you should be proud of it.

MIchael D. Jonas
San Francisco

Michael-

Thanks for your kind remarks. David Forthoffer's "What's the Best Move?" column is our favorite, too, and represents a lot of very fine work.. Master Forthoffer promises to resume his column when his employer stops tempting him with lucrative overtime.—ED

BOOK AND SOFTWARE REVIEWS

by Val Zemitis, Richard Shorman

KEMERI 1937

by Val Zemitis

Several years ago I wrote an article about tournaments held before World War II. In that article I noted that certain tournament books contained many well-played and superbly-annotated games by such outstanding grandmasters as Dr. S. Tarrasch, Aron Nimzovich, Dr. Emmanuel Lasker, Dr. Saveilly Tartakover, Milan Vidmar, Alexander Alekhine, and Rudolf Spielmann, just to name a few. My "short list" of the best pre-WW2 tournament books includes: **London 1883** (won by J. Zukertort [ELO 2600], three points ahead of W. Steinitz [ELO 2650]); **Hastings 1895** (won by Harry Nelson Pillsbury [ELO 2630], ahead of World Champion Emmanuel Lasker [ELO 2650]), **Nuremberg 1896** (won by Lasker, ahead of J.R. Capablanca [ELO 2725]), **New York 1924** (won by Lasker, ahead of Capablanca), **Carlsbad 1929** (won by Nimzovitch [ELO 2615], ahead of Capablanca and Rudolf Spielmann [ELO 2560]), **Bled 1931** (won by Alexander Alekhine [ELO 2690], ahead of E. Bogoljubov [ELO 2610]), **Nottingham 1936** (won by Mikhail Botvinnik [ELO 2720] and Capablanca), and Kemeri 1937 (won by S. Flohr [ELO 2620], Vladimir Petroff [ELO 2520] and S. Reshevsky [ELO 2680]). When I wrote that article, I did not realize that the Kemeri 1937 book was such a scarce commodity.

Now I have found out that this book is available for the remarkably modest price of $6.95 (plus $3 shipping and handling) from: American Postal Chess, P.O. Box 305, Western Springs, IL 60558-0305. Hurry, supply is limited at this price!

I have to answer two questions. First, why should you acquire and study games played in pre-WW2 tournaments? Second, why should you specifically buy the Kemeri 1937 book?

There are many reasons why pre-WW2 tournament books should appeal to you.

1. To start your own chess book collection, which will give you many hours of pure chess pleasure.

2. To see how much luck tournament winners must have in order to come out on top, which will make you feel much better realizing that even the greatest chess geniuses often make horrendous blunders.

3. To ascertain for yourself how seldom games without errors are played, which will give you encouragement not to fret about your own errors in a game. "A game is always won through a mistake, either the opponent's or one's own."—S. Tartakover.

4. To study how a particular opening or opening variation was played at the tournament, which will offer you an opportunity to study the evolution of opening theory.

5. To observe how often games are decided only in the endgame, which will give you the necessary courage and motivation to devote more time to this phase of the game.

6. To verify that many games are won by good players simply by exhibiting superior technique, which will encourage you to emulate them by perfecting your own techniques.

7. To follow the excitement of the tournament round by round, which will give you an appreciation about those who almost won.

8. To trace some of the greatest rivalries of the early chess giants, which will give you an opportunity to see how these players have prepared to meet the challenge.

9. And last, but most importantly, to profit from the information contained in the tournament books, information that cannot be obtained in any other way and which is essential for you if you aspire to become a good player.

White: Reuben Fine
Black: M. Feigins
Kemeri 1937
Notes freely adapted by Val Zemitis from original notes by Petrov.

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c6 4. e3.

A modern continuation that avoids the usual Slav Defense variations.

4...e6.

Black transposes into the Orthodox Queen's Gambit. Here 5...Bf5 is also playable, e.g. 5. cd5 cd5 6. Qb3 Qc8 7. Na3 e6 8. Bd2 Nc6 9. Bb5 Nd7 with equality.

5. Nc3 Nbd7 6. Bd3 dc4 7. Bc4 b5 8. Bd3 b4.

Black wants to avoid the Meran Defense, 8...a6. The text move leads to a very complicated and difficult game for Black.

9. Ne4 c5 10. Qa4! cd4 11. Nd4 Bb7 12. Nf6 gf6 13. 0-0 Rg8 14. e4?

The correct move was 14. g3!. Now the square g2 will be difficult to protect. Also, 14. f3 was not sufficient because of ...Bd6 15. Nb5 Be5 16. Qb4 Qb8 17. h3 Bh2 18. Kh1 Rg2, etc.

14...f5! 15. Bf4

If 15. f3? then ...Bc5 with ...Qb6 to follow; If 15. Re1, then ...Bc5 16. Nb3 Bf2 17. Kf2 Qh4 18. Kf1 Qh2, etc.

If 15. f3? then ...Bc5 with ...Qb6 to follow; If 15. Re1, then ...Bc5 16. Nb3 Bf2 17. Kf2 Qh4 18. Kf1 Qh2, etc.

15...fe4 16. Bb5 e3! 17. Bc6 ef2 18. Kh1 Bc6 19. Qc6 Rc8 20. Qa4 Rc4! 21. Rad1 Qb6 22. Rf2 Qb7! 23. Bg3 Rg5! 24. Rfd2 Rd5 25. h3 Bc5! 26. Nf3 Rd2 27. Rd2 Rc1 28. Kh2 f6?

Correct was 28...Ke7! and Black can avoid unfavorable complications. If 29. Bf4, then Nb6 30. Qb5 (30. Qa5!?) Qd5 31. Bb8 Be3!, etc.

29. Qb3! Qb6! 30. h4! Ke7?

With this move Black throws away a draw. Correct was 30...Bg1 31. Ng1 Qg1 32. Kh3 Nc5! 33. Qf3 Qh1 34. Bh2 Kf7! 35. Qh5 Kg7, etc. (but what happens after 36. Rd8?-VZ).

31. Bf4 Qb5??

Black could still play 31...Bg1.

32. Rd7 Kd7 33. Bc1

The rest is a matter of simple technique.

33...Bd6 34. Kg1 Qe2 35. Qe3 Qa6 36. Qh6 Qd3 37. Qd2 Qb1 38. b3 Ke7 39. Qb2 Qe4 40. Qf2 Bb8 41. Qc5 Kf7 42. Bh6! Qb1 43. Kf2 Qa2 44. Nd2 Kg6 45. Qf8 Qa5 46. g4 Qb6

There is no perpetual after 46...Bg3

47. Be3 1-0

SOFTWARE REVIEW

LET "PROBLEMATIC" SOLVE YOUR CHESS PROBLEMS

by Richard Shorman

Name of Product: PROBLEMATIC, the Problemist's Toolkit.

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2. A floppy disk drive.
3. A monitor, preferably with at least VGA display.
4. A mouse or track ball or other pointing device.
5. A total of $135.75 for the full-featured version of PROBLEMATIC or $37.65 for the demo disk.
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3. Show time taken for solving.
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Who Did It:

Don French, a Bay Area computer professional with valuable editorial assistance from Berkeley Chess Club regular Marie Graeber and GM George Koltanowski, who provided hundreds of chess problems for testing.

Where to order:

Switchback Software, P.O. Box 170354, San Francisco, CA 94117 (Phone: 415-221-0940).

This computer program is a godsend for anyone who has boxes of Kolty chess columns lying around the house, just waiting for the day someone would invent a convenient way to sift through them, so that you could sort out all of the really neat two and three-move problems and torture your friends with them! Even a chess player who has no special interest in chess problems might find this toolkit useful for solving forced mate positions. But its real benefit can be appreciated when you see all the analysis on screen printed out in full on computer paper, complete with diagram, source data and detailed solution, including refutations of all the moves that don't work. You may think of PROBLEMATIC as a library for chess problems, full of helpful tools for locating and enjoying your favorite selections. If this program intrigues you, but you can't quite commit to a $135.75 expenditure, you might try ordering PROBLEMATIC's starter version for just under $40, which solves two and three movers, some data base features and the full version's collection of classic chess problems. If you later decide to buy the whole program, the price of the demo disk will be applied to the full version.

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The Kolty Chess For Youth Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable and educational foundation that provides financial and technical assistance to promote chess for young people.

Each year the Kolty Foundation provides chess sets to needy schools, teachers for needy students, and grants to assist and promote junior chess in Northern California. There are currently six hundred students in forty San Mateo County schools receiving chess instruction from the Kolty Foundation .

Your tax-deductible contribution can enable the Kolty Foundation to expand and improve its program of bringing the benefits of chess to youngsters throughout Northern California. This worthy cause enriches young lives in many ways that have relevance beyond the chessboard.

If you would like tohelp encourage the development of young chessplayers, contact:

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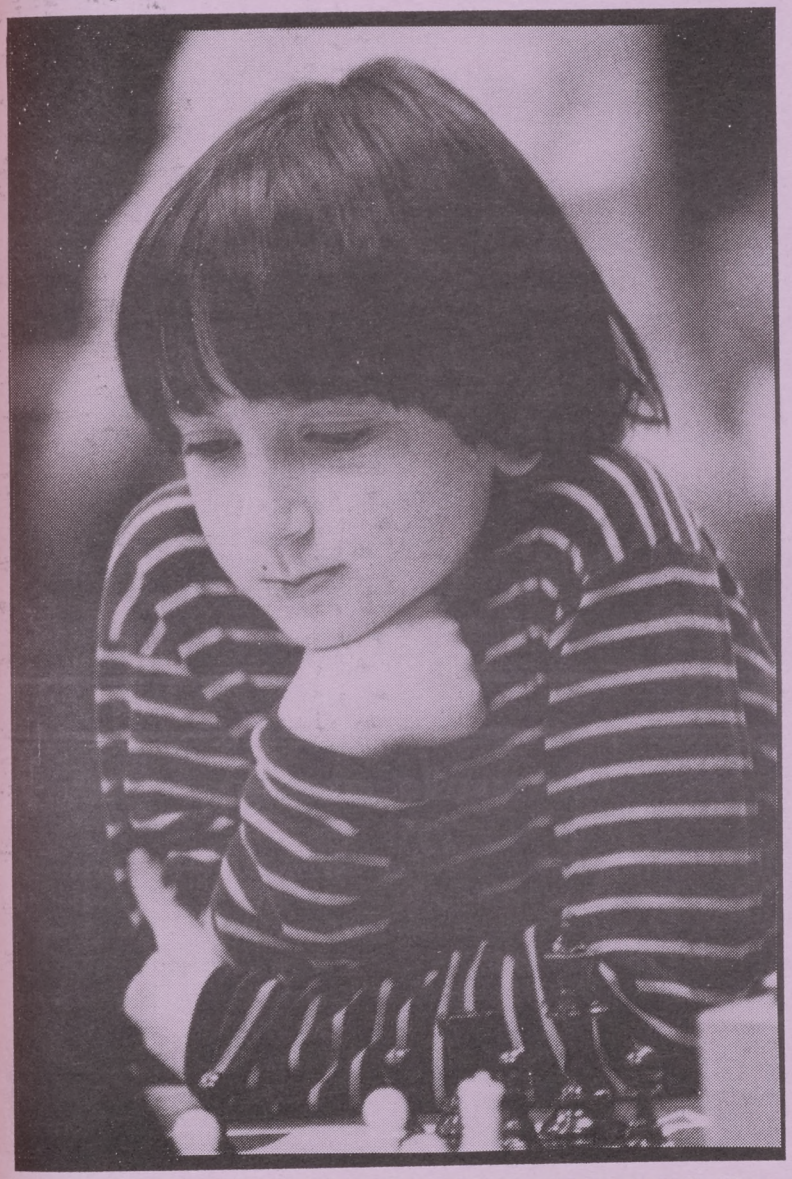
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Editor's Message

Here we go into our Fall season, with chess and tournament activity at an all-time high in Northern California. The latest membership numbers for our state show that we now have over 4000 USCF members for the first time ever (Chess Life, 11/93). A quick scan of the touranament calendar shows that we have never had as many big-money, big-at tendance, and well-run touranaments here.

The LERA tournaments are a kind of control group, because they are the longest-running and most popular. The August event drew 25% more than the May event. In addition, we had two weekenders, Bill Goichberg's Continental Open in July and the San Francisco Championship in October, that drew more than 300 entrants, unprecedented for a two-day weekend touranment since the legendary days of Paul Masson! The Kolty Show on October 3 drew over 700 spectators! Al Lawrence told me that it was the second-largest chess audience he had ever seen, second only to the Kasparov reception at the World Championships at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York in 1990. Our Labor Day State Championship, for the second year in a row, was the nation's leading state championship tournament on the traditional Labor Day weekend, outdrawing New York, Southern California, Illinois, and all the other big states.

And arguably the quality of our play has benefitted from all of this activity. Whereas our 1990 list of masters showed 98 in our state, the latest list shows 122. Juniors are climbing on the bandwagon by leaps and bounds, building up to the 1994 National Elementary Championships in San Jose in May. And there is now a rated scholastic tournament in every Bay Area County on a monthly or bimonthly basis to continue to build on this growth.

Maybe we can credit the enthusiasm from the "Searching For Bobby Fischer" movie, maybe we can credit the two World Championship matches currently in progress, putting chess in the papers daily, maybe chess is just an idea whose time has come. Whatever it is, it is a good time to be a fan of the Royal Game, because this growth phase has enhanced the quality of the chess experience for all of us.

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Jordy Mont-Reynaud Wins Silver Medal in Boys-Under-10 World Championship

by Randy Mont-Reynaud

Summertime, and this Chess Mom's days seem to be like Karpov's games - "the accrual of small advantages" - FAXes of Jordy's games go out, annotations of Jordy's games get underway, potential sponsors for Jordy are badgered, travel arrangements for Jordy are confirmed, a load of laundry emerges from the dryer...

If more women had more kids who played chess, this is what they'd get for family vacations: Karpovian days...

We are recovering from the World Championships (12 nerve-wracking days of tension and boiled potatoes)...What right have I got to be tired? - It was only a *silver* medal, after all!

Here's what we did on our summer vacation: We spent

TWELVE DAYS IN BRATISLAVA

by
Jordy Mont-Reynaud
and
Randy Mont-Reynaud

[Mom's note: Our title doesn't pack any punch as a hit song, but, 12 days in Bratislava totally outclassed "One Night in Bangkok". The Slovakian capitol lacks pizazz and massage parlors, but Bratislava was an ideal site for the World Youth Chess Championships - there was little else to do! As far as tourist attractions, chess was literally the only game in town...]

J: I won my first two games easily - especially round 2 against Claviere from Brazil. It was over in 20 moves. Plenty of time to find something for dinner and prepare for Round 3.

[Mom's note: Jordy wouldn't eat anything in the dining hall - I had to forage for food while he and Pal Benko went at it each morning. What I found was: a four-star hotel that served pasta and took credit cards! Whew!]

J: I found out I would face Etienne Bacrot of France. He had taken a bronze medal last year and I knew I would probably play him.

[Mom's note: Scarcely three years removed from Communism and only some months as the capital of a separate nation, Bratislava, this "uncertain metropolis of a peasant region" now hosted more then 600 youths, and parents and coaches from approximately 100 different nations and warring states.]

J: The pairings are done alphabetically, no ratings are used. For weeks Mom's been saying that, all other things in the alphabet being equal, I'd probably play Etienne in Round 3. She was right.

[Mom's note: As usual!]

J: The night before the round, I went to Pal Benko's room to prepare for the Dutch.

[Mom's note: What I did not tell Jordy was that Etienne had a recently published ELO of 2230; in June, he had won the Championship of Europe, Under 10.)

J: A lot of Etienne's games had been published in Europe Echecs, which we subscribe to - and they even had a discussion of Etienne's opening repertoire! Good thing I read French! So, we knew he favored this against 1. d4.

[Mom's note: We also knew he had been studying other systems as well. After Jordy and Pal had worked for several hours on the Dutch, the thought occurred to me that Etienne might choose something else. But what? Before going on this vacation, I statistically sampled the previous three years' of Boys' Under 10 games, and I tabulated the most common opening lines and their frequencies. Based on this data, I surmised that Etienne would likely go into a Queen's gambit. So, by way of some last-minute coaching as we walked down to the playing hall, I warned Jordy that he should expect the unexpected "So, what else might he play against your d4? Probably d5, right? And you are okay with that, aren't you?"]

J: Well, yes, I was okay with it. As it turned out, I was *very* okay!

White: Etienne Bacrot
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Queen Pawn Opening [D31]

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1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6

4. Nf3 is complicated, and 4. e3 is probably better.

4. Nf3 dc4 5. a4 Bb4 6. e4 b5

Black has to defend the c-pawn or his game will fall apart because of my center and superior development.

7. Bg5

This is an unclear move, because it could lead to the Panov-Botvinnik attack, but he played Qb6, so...

7...Qb6 8. Be2 Bb7 9. 0-0 a6

Black is probably going to have to do this move sooner or later.

10.Qc2 Nd7 11. Rfd1

Now that I'm fully developed, I have compensation for the pawn.

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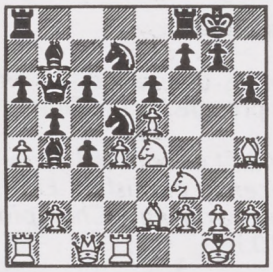
11...Ngf6 12. e5 Nd5 13. Ne4

13. Nxd5 would be a blunder because he undoubles his pawns and gets more space.

13...h6 ?

This is a mistake because it creates a weakness on the kingside. I don't see a reason for this move. 13... c5 is infinitely better.

14.Bh4 0-0 15. Qc1



Now I have the threat of 15. Nf6! If 15....Kh7 16.b3! cb 17. Bd3 g6 18. Bf6! Nf6 19. Nf6 Nf6 20. ef6 c5 21. Ng5 hg 22. Qg5 Rh8 23. Bgl! fg6 24. Rd3! Be4 25 Rh3 and White wins.

Instead of paying attention to my threat, Black played 15...

15...c5? 16. Nf6! N5f6?

He should have taken with N7f6

17. ef6 cd4 18. fg7 Kg7 19. Nd4 Ne5?? 20.Qf4 Ng6 21. Qf6 Kh7 22. Nf5! fg 23. Qb6 1-0

The losing move. I won Black's Queen after this move and I was relieved but even more, I was worried that I would hang back my own Queen!

After the victory, Pal said he thought all our preparation had been a waste of time. But, as I told my Mom at the time, it wasn't a waste of time for me—working with Pal on the Dutch Defense is going to be something I'll remember for the rest of my life!

[Mom's note: This is pretty common in kids' games—does it happen a lot in adult competition?]

J: In fact, later on I did give up a piece...well, I got two pawns for it but that was sort of after the fact...

[Mom's note: After move 23, everybody, even the French contingent, was saying Jordy had won the game. But Mom knows best - I was just waiting for him to hang something, and sure enough, there went a bishop, before my very eyes!]

J: Just as Etienne was getting long in the face, a reporter came along with a video camera. He stuck his camera right over my shoulder—right up to Etienne's face.

[Mom's note: I objected to the presence of this reporter with his camera. One of the French coaches said, "But it's in your son's favor, Etienne is distracted." I replied, "So, who needs this ? Jordy can win it fair and square."]

J: Finally, Etienne stopped the clock and held out his hand. I wanted to shout but that wouldn't have been appropriate. I left the hall walking on air, with Mom thrilled and shaky. After all, I studied all year for this game!

[Mom's note:World politics made a few statements at the tournament—Bosnia and Croatia, for example, had their own representatives and eleven Arab nations unanimously refused to be paired with Israeli players. At the awards ceremony, the Slovaks not only gave medals for chess achievement, they also awarded prizes to the "Most beautiful" female participant. Oddly, no males protested that the girls had an additional category in which to compete...]

J: That night, at the awards ceremony, I met Karpov and had my picture taken with him.

[Mom's note: And, as an additional treat, a Slavic chorus sang a Gershwin medley from "Porgy and Bess". It was a bit like Al Jolson crooning a Gregorian chant...]

J: I stood up on the podium to receive my medal and I had to kiss this fat lady twice as she presented it ! I was about to reconsider whether to accept the prize! What I really liked about winning was they gave us a neat set of LEGO.

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: José Andrade (Mexico)
Ruy Lopez [C69]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 dc6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.d4 Bg4 7.de5 Bf3 8.Qf3 Be5 9.Nd2 Ne7 10.Nc4 Bd6 11.Rd1 b5 12.Na5 Qc8 13.Qc3 0-0 14.Nc6 Nc6 15.Qc6 Qe6 16.Qd5 Rad8 17.Qe6 fe6 18.Bg5 Rde8 19.Rd3 Be5 20.c3 c5 21.Rad1 h6 22.Be3 c4 23.Rd7 Kh7 24.Ra7 Ra8 25.Rdd7 Rg8 26.f4 Bf6 27.e5 Bh4 28.g3 Ra7 29.Ra7 Bd8 30.Ra6 Re8 31.a4 ba4 32.Ra4 g5 33.Rc4 gf4 34.Bf4 Kg6 35.b4 h5 36.Kf2 Kf7 37.Ke3 Bb6 38.Ke4 Ke7 39.Rc6 Bg1 40.Rc7 Kd8 41.Rb7 Bh2 42.Rb8 Kd7 43.Re8 Ke8 44.g4 Bf4 45.Kf4 hg4 46.Kg4 1-0

White: Raul Claviere (Argentina)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Sicilian Defense [B30]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.d3 e6 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.0-0 d5 8.ed5 ed5 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Qd2 Nf5 11.Rfe1 Be6 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.Ne6 fe6 14.Bh3 Ncd4 15.Kg2 Rae8 16.Be5 Nf3 17.Kf3 Nh4 18.Kg4 Nf3 19.Qd1 Nh2 0-1

White: Sekhar Ganguly (India)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Irregular Opening [A04]

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nc6 bc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.e4 0-0 9.Nc3 Rb8 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Rb1 d6 12.h3 Rd8 13.f4 Be6

14.Qf3 d5 15.e5 Ne8 16.b3 d4 17.Ne4 Qa5 18.Bd2 Qa2 19.Qd3 c5 20.Nc5 Qa3 21.Ne6 fe6 22.Qc4 Rdc8 23.Qe6 Kh8 24.Ra1 Qc5 25.Ra5 Qb6 26.Qb6 ab6 27.Rd5 Rc2 28.Rd4 Nd6 29.Rd3 Nf5 30.Rc1 Rb2 31.g4 Nh4 32.Be4 Bh6 33.g5 Bf8 34.e6 Bg7 35.Bc3 Bc3 36.Rdc3 Re2 37.Bh1 Re6 38.Rc8 Rc8 39.Rc8 Kg7 40.Bd5 Nf3 41.Bf3 Rd6 42.Kf2 Rd3 43.Rb8 Rb3 44.Rg8 Kg8 45.Bd5 Kg7 46.Bb3 Kf8 47.Ke3 Ke8 48.Be6 Kf8 49.Kd4 Ke8 50.Kc4 Kf8 51.Kb5 Kg7 52.Kb6 h6 53.h4 hg5 54.hg5 1-0

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Pavel Federic (Slovakia)
Ruy Lopez [C69]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc6 dc6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.d4 ed4 7.Qd4 f6 8.h3 Be6 9.Re1 Ne7 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Qc3 Ng6 12.Nc4 Kh8 13.Nd4 Bf7 14.b3 Ne5 15.Ne3 Ng6 16.Qd2 c5 17.Ndf5 Be5 18.Rb1 Re8 19.Ng4 b6 20.Ne5 Ne5 21.Qe2 Be6 22.Ne3 Qe7 23.Bb2 Nc6 24.Rbd1 Rad8 25.c4 Nb4 26.a3 Nc6 27.Nd5 Bd5 28.cd5 Nb8 29.f4 Qf7 30.Qf3 Rd7 31.e5 fe5 32.fe5 Qf3 33.gf3 Kg8 34.e6 Rdd8 35.Be5 Rc8 36.Bc7 Rc7 37.d6 Ra7 38.Kf2 Kf8 39.d7 Nd7 40.ed7 Rd8 41.Re6 b5 42.Ke3 Kf7 43.Rc6 Rdd7 44.Rd7 Rd7 45.Rc5 Ke6 46.Rc6 Rd6 47.Rd6 Kd6 48.Kd4 a5 49.h4 g6 50.f4 h6 51.Ke4 Ke6 52.b4 a4 53.Kd4 Kd6 54.Ke3 Kd5 55.Kf3 Kd4 56.Kg3 Kd5 57.Kf3 Kd6 1/2-1/2

White: Marcin Szymanski (Poland)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Irregular Opening [A00]

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Bg4 3.h3 Bh5 4.Nf3 Bf3 5.ef3 Nd7 6.d3 Ngf6 7.c4 e6 8.b5 c6 9.a4 Bb4 10.Nd2 0-0 11.Be2 Re8 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nb3 Nb3 14.Qb3 Bd6 15.Rad1 Nh5 16.Bc1 d4 17.g3 e5 18.f4 Nf4 19.gf4 ef4 20.Bf3 Re6 21.Bg4 Rg6 22.f3 f5 23.c5 Kh8 24.cd6 Qd6 25.Rd2 fg4 26.hg4 Rh6 27.Qc2 cb5 28.ab5 Qd7 29.Rh2 Rf6 30.Qb3 Re8 31.Bd2 Re5 32.Rc1 Rf8 33.Qb4 Rfe8 34.Bf4 Rb5 35.Qd2 Rb6 36.Qf2 Rf8 37.Qh4 g5 38.Be5 Kg8 39.Qg5 Rg6 40.Qd2 Rf3 41.Qa2 Rf7 42.Rg2 Re6 43.Rc7 Qe8 44.Rgc2 Rc7 45.Rc7 b5 46.Rg7 Kh8 47.Re7 Re5 48.Re8 Re8 49.Qa7 Rd8 50.Qb6 Rd7 51.Qb5 Rg7 52.Qe8 Rg8 53.Qe5 Rg7 54.Qd4 Kg8 55.Kf2 Rf7 56.Kg3 Rg7 57.Qd8 Kf7 58.d4 h5 59.Qd5 1-0

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Mark Paragua (Philippines)
Irregular Opening [A45]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 a6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 d5 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.cd5 Nd5 10.Nd5 ed5 11.Be7 Ke7 12.0-0 Nf6 13.Ne5 Re8 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.Ba6 Ba6 16.Nc6 Kf8 17.Nd8 Bf1 18.Nc6 Ba6 19.Qa4 Ra8 20.Qb4 Kg8 21.Ne7 Kh8 22.Rc7 Bc4 23.a3 b5 24.h3 Ra4 25.Qc5 h6 26.Nf5 Ne4 27.Qc6 Rf8 28.Rc8 Rc8 29.Qc8 Kh7 30.Qf8 Kg6 31.g4 Kf6 32.Qg7 Ke6 33.Qe5 Kd7 34.Qe7 Kc6 35.Qf7 b4 36.Qe8 1-0

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Nicolas Templier (France)
Sicilian Defense [B81]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4 h6 7.g5 hg5 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Be2 Qb6 10.Nb3 a6 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.f4 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 Qc7 14.Bf3 Be7 15.Qe3 Kb8 16.e5 de5 17.fe5 Ng8 18.Bc6 Bc6 19.Rd8 Bd8 20.Bd8 Qd8 21.Rd1 Qe7 22.Qb6 Nh6 23.Nc5 Kc8 24.Qa7 Rd8 25.Rg1 Nf5 26.Rg4 Qc7 27.Nd3 Bd5 28.Rb4 Bf3 29.Kb1 Ne7 30.Qf2 Bh5 31.Qh4 Bg6 32.Rc4 Nc6 33.Nb4 Kb8 34.Rc6 1-0

White: Alexandr Kovchan (Ukraine)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Sicilian Defense [B36]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 g6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nd4 8.Qd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Be6 11.0-0 Qa5 12.f3 Rfc8 13.b3 a6 14.Rac1 b5 15.Nd5 Qd2 16.Bd2 Bd5 17.ed5 bc4 18.bc4 Nd7 19.f4 Bd4 20.Kh1 Nc5 21.Bg4 f5 22.Be2 Ne4 23.Be1 Rab8 24.Bf3 Rb2 25.Be4 fe4 26.a3 Ra2 27.Bb4 a5 28.Bc3 Rc4 29.Ba5 Rc1 30.Rc1 Ra3 31.Bd2 Rd3 32.Ba5 Be3 33.Re1 Bf4 34.Re4 Rd5 35.g3 Ra5 36.Rf4 Rf5 37.Re4 Kf7 38.Kg2 e5 39.Ra4 Ke6 40.Ra7 Rf7 41.Ra4 d5 42.Ra6 Kf5 43.Kf3 e4 44.Ke3 Ke5 45.Ra8 Rf3 46.Ke2 Rb3 47.Ra2 e3 48.h3 Ke4 49.g4 d4 50.Ra4 Rb2 51.Ke1 Kf3 52.Ra1 Rh2 0-1

Sergey Grigorjanc (Uzbekistan)
Black: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Sicilian Defense [B23]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.d3 d5 8.Bb3 0-0 9.Qe1 a6 10.a4 b6 11.Qh4 Bb7 12.Ng5 h6 13.Nh3 f5 14.e5 Nd4 15.Ra3 Qc7 16.Qf2 b5 17.Ne2 Nec6 18.Be3 Nb3 19.Rb3 d4 20.Bd2 b4 21.Qe1 Rfd8 22.Rf2 Rd7 23.Kf1 Na5 24.Nhg1 Nb3 25.cb3 g5 26.Nc1 Rf8 27.Nf3 Bf3 28.Rf3 g4 29.Rf2 Qd8 30.g3 Bh8 31.Rg2 Rh7 32.Ne2 Qd5 33.Nc1 h5 34.Qe2 Rff7 35.Qf2 Rh6 36.h3 gh3 37.Rh2 Rg7 38.Rh3 h4 39.gh4 Rhg6 40.Rh2 Rg3 0-1

White: Jordy Mont-Reynaud
Black: Sarkhan Kuliev (Azerbaijan)
Queen Pawn Opening [A51]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.de5 Ne4 4.Nd2 Bb4 5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.a3 Bd2 7.Bd2 Qe7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.e3 h6 10.Bd3 Nc5 11.Bc2 a5 12.0-0 b6 13.Bb1 Ne6 14.Qc2 f5 15.ef6 Qf6 16.Bg3 Ba6 17.Qh7 Kf7 18.Bh4 Ng5 19.Ng5 hg5 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh7 Ke6 22.Ba2 gh4 23.c5 Kf5 24.Rfe1 Ne5 25.f4 Nc4 26.Qd7 Qe6 27.e4 Kf6 28.e5 Kf5 29.Bb1 1-0

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18.Bh4 Ng5 19.Ng5 hg5 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh7 Ke6 22.Ba2 gh4 23.c5 Kf5 24.Rfe1 Ne5 25.f4 Nc4 26.Qd7 Qe6 27.e4 Kf6 28.e5 Kf5 29.Bb1 1-0

Medal Winners Boys 10 and under:

1. Etienne Bacrot, France 10/11
2. Jordy Mont-Reynaud, USA 8.5/11
3. Sekhar Ganguly, India 7.5/11

TOOTH FAIRY BREAKS WORLD RECORDS - LEAVES BOY A SILVER MEDAL!

This has got to be some kind of record. I mean, when was the last time, in a decisive last round of a world championship game, that one of the players lost a tooth?

Somebody please get this to the Editor of the Guinness volume, for it's strange but true.

On July 30, during round eleven of the world Junior Chess Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia, American representative Jordy Mont-Reynaud lost a molar but won the game against Sarkhan Kuliev of Azerbaijan. Each player had 6.5 points going into the round, but Kuliev's tie-break points were better; a draw would mean at best a bronze for Jordy, or perhaps only fourth place and no cigar. Jordy had unwisely (according to consensus) sacrificed a bishop—but did he still have a winning position? Was it a draw at best? Caught in the debate were Grandmaster Pal Benko and top trainers from Minsk and Vilnius.

They had not concluded their analyses when, suddenly, "Ptui! Tooth to b1." A few moves later, Jordy was winning a queen and the game and second place in the Boys Under 10 division.

In all the commotion, the tooth vanished, swept away in the flurry of handshakes, verifying and signing scoresheets, and celebratory ice cream cones.

But Jordy went to sleep that night clutching a silver medal!

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Davis September Open

by NM Tom Dorsch

The Davis September Open marked the return of weekend chess to Davis for the first time in nearly twenty years. Home of one of Northern California's oldest and most active chess communities, thanks to the many years of dedication by retired Davis Chess Club President **Sergius von Oettingen**, the Davis Chess Club has hosted simuls by such chess luminaries as Fischer, Gligoric, and Smyslov over the years. Recently, **Dave Rosenberg**, Davis Mayor and Treasurer of the California Democratic Party, has taken over and revived the Davis Club, which now has more than sixty active members and regular Thursday meetings that feature rated games and monthly action tournaments. To complete the picture, **Gerald Lim** has now begun to organize weekend tournaments. The turnout of over forty players was successful, and Davis plans another weekend Swiss in April 1994.

The winner of the Open Section was **NM Tom Dorsch**, 3.5/4, followed by **NM David Blohm** (3), and **David Oppedal** (2.5). Top Expert was split between **Steve Sosnick**, **Marc Braverman**, and **Keith McDaniel**, all with 2.

The Reserve Section was won by top Sacramento Junior **Winston Tsang** with the tournament's only perfect score, 4-0. **Ma;rk Havrilla** got second with 2.5 points, and third was **Michael Fitzgerald**. **Scott Smyth** won the "B" section prize.

In the six-round Booster Section, top honors went to **Dean Domach**, 5-1, chased by **P. Alex Cooke** and **William Patrick Yardley** with 4.5. "D" winners were Davis Chess Club TD **Dave Johnson**, **Shay Chinn**, and **Marilynn Etzler**, all with 3.

The tournament was organized and directed by **Gerald Lim**.

White: NM Tom Dorsch (2208)
Black: NM Jim MacFarland(2200)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. 0-0 c5 5. c4 e6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. d3 0-0 8. e4 d6 9. Ne1 Nc6 10. f4 Nd7 11. Nc2 a6 12. Bd2? Bf6 13. f5 Nde5 14. Be3 Nb4 15. Ne1 ef5 16. Rf5 Bc8 17. a3 Bf5 18. ef5 Nbc6 19. Qa4 b5?! 20. cb5 ab5 21. Qe4 Rb8 22. Nc2 Re8 23. Bf4 Nd4 24. Nd4 cd4 25. Nd5 Ng4 26. Nf6 Qf6 27. Qd5 Ne3 28. Qd6 Rb6 29. Qf6 Rf6 30. Be4 h6 31. Rc1 Nf5 32. Rc5 Ne3 33. h4 Rb6 34. Be5 f5 35. Bf3 Ng4 36. Bd4 Re1 37. Kg2 Rbe6 38. Bd5 Ne3 39. Be3 R1e3 40. Rb5 Kf8 0-1 (time)

White: NM Zoran Lazetich
Black: NM David Blohm

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. 0-0 d6 5. c4 0-0 6. Nc3 e5 7. d3 a5 8. Rb1 Na6 9. a3 Nh5 10. b4 ab4 11. ab4 f5 12. Qc2 f4 13. Nd2 fg3 14. hg3 Bh6 15. Nf3 Bc1 16. Qc1 c5 17. bc5 Nc5 18. d4 ed4 19. Nd4 Nf6 20. Nd5 Nd5 21. Bd5 Kg7 22. Qb2 Qf6 23. Nb5 Bf5 24. Qf6 Kf6 25. Rb2 Ke7 26. Rd1 Bd7 27. Bf3 Bb5 28. Rb5 Ra4 29. Rd4 Ra7 30. Rb6 Rd8 31. Bd5 Ra6 32. Rb2 Ra7 33. Kg2 h5 34. g4 Rda8 35. gh5 gh5 36. Rh4 Ra2 37. Ra2 Ra2 38. Bf3 Ra4 39. Kg3 Rb4 40. Bd5 b5 41. cb5 Rb5 42. Bf3 Nd7 43. Rh5 Rh5 44. Bh5 Nf6 45. Bg4 Nd5 46. Bf3 Nf6 47. Kf4 Nd7 48. Ke4 Nf6 49. Kf5 Nd7 50. Bd5 Nf6 51. Bc6 Ng8 52. e4 Nf6 53. f4 Nh5 54. Kg4 Nf6 55. Kg5 Nh7 56. Kg6 Nf6 57. Bd5 Nd7 58. Kg7 Nf6 59. Bc6 Nh5 60. Kg6 Nf4 61. Kf5 Nd3 62. Bd5 Ne5 63. Ba2 Nc6 64. Bd5 Nd4 65. Kg6 Nf3 66. Ba8 Ke6 67. Bd5 Ke5 68. Kf7 Ng5 69. Ke7 Nh7 70. Kd7 Nf6 71. Kc6 Nh5 72. Kd7 Nf4 73. Ba8 Nd3 74. Bc6 Nc5 75. Kc7 Ne6 76. Kd7 Ng5 77. Kc7 1/2-1/2

White: Von Motschenbacher
Black: Winston Tsang

1. c4 d6 2. Nc3 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. d4 Nf6 5. e4 0-0 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 a5 8. 0-0 Na6 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bf6 Qf6 11. Qd2 Qe7 12. h3 f5 13. Nh2 f4 14. Bg4 h5 15. Bc8 Rac8 16. f3 Bf6 17. a3 Bh4 18. b4 Kh8 19. Rfb1 Rg8 20. ba5 Nc5 21. Rb4 Bg3 22. Nf1 g5 23. Ng3 fg3 24. Rab1 Rg6 25. Rb7 Nb7 26. Rb7 g4 27. a6 gh3 28. a7 Qf8 29. Ne2 hg2 30. Kg2 Qd8 31. Ng1 Kh7 32. a4 Rg7 33. Nh3 Ra8 34. a5 Qh4 35. a6 Qf6 36. Qa5 Qh6 37. Rc7 Ra7 38. Rg7 Rg7 39. a7 Qe3 40. Qa2 Ra7 41. Qb2 h4 42. Ng1 Kg6 0-1

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Continental Open

by NM Peter Yu

With the U.S. Open coming in 1995, Concord has become the newest member of Bay Area cities hosting regular tournaments. Thanks to the efforts of ***CalChess*** and national organizer extraordinaire **Bill Goichberg**, the Hilton Concord will be the venue of major Northern California tournaments for years to come. This is great news for players all across the state, since where else can one stay at an AAA-rated 4-diamond hotel for under $50 per room *and* play in a quality tournament? Hoping to attract even more players than his 1993 Western Class Championships this past April, Goichberg upped the prize fund to the largest ever in Northern California for a traditional Swiss. His investment paid off, as 332 eager players showed up to compete for $20,000 in guaranteed money this past July 30th through August 1st at the 1993 Continental Open.

The story of the weekend had to be **NM Jesse Sales'** (2280) tremendous 5-0 performance, topping a field which included **GMs Alex Yermolinsky** (2689) and **Walter Browne** (2616), **IMs David Strauss** (2566), **Marc Leski** (2539), **Anthony Saidy** (2485), and **John Watson** (2453). Sales' rise included final round victories over IMs Saidy and Strauss (games following this article), as well as early round knock-outs of **Edwin Straver** (2074), **Solomon Fagan** (Unrated), and **FM Rich Kelson** (2348) in the Championship (2000+) Section. Trailing first by half a point were the two GMs of the event, who prematurely agreed to a draw only to see Sales pass them at the straightaway. Joining the GMs in a tie for second was **NM Isaak Margulis** (2347), whose crucial round five win over **NM Precioso V. Saguisag** (2291) earned the San Franciscan 4.5 points and the top Under 2400 prize. The remaining masters who split the 4th, 5th and 2nd Under 2400 prize monies were IM Leski, **NMs Emmanuel Perez** (2387), **Peter Yu** (2349), **Renard Anderson** (2342), **Rodrigo Atotubo** (2327), and **Robert Sasata** (2308), each finishing with 4 out of 5.

Four Experts were able to score 4-1 to divide the top-Expert prizes. In keeping with the extremely competitive nature of big money tournaments, Goichberg paired those Experts in contention against each other instead of the higher-rated Masters. Southern California's **Juan Fong** (2194), who was able to request his June Supplement rating be used in lieu of his August Master rating, managed to win all his games against non-masters while drawing NM Yu and **SM Mikulas Manik** (2448) in the second and third rounds. Also with four points was U.C. Berkeley Alumni **Seggev Weiss** (2145), not to be confused with the "Naked Guy" (just kidding Seggev, I couldn't resist). Weiss' victorious warpath included a draw with Japanese **NM Hirosho Takemoto** (2290) and a win over FM Kelson. Joining Fong and Weiss was Tandem top board **Kevin Ziegler** (2141), who is fast becoming a regular name among Expert winners lists. After dropping a game to **NM Henry Robles** (2330), Zeigler rebounded with wins over **NM Matthew Morris** (2343) and fellow Expert **Raymond Rotor** (2112) in the final two rounds. Finally, **David Klinetobe** (2132) demonstrated the ultimate swiss gambit by losing to unrated Master **Tigran Ishkhanov** in round one, then winning his next four games including one over NM Robles.

In the Under 2000 Category, section leaders **Dennis Myers** (1990) and **Dale M. Hammer** (1941) agreed to a draw in their last round confrontation. This allowed the Russian émigré **Steven Lender** (1949) to catch them with a clutch win over fellow A-player **Vergel Dalusung** (1947), resulting in a three-way tie for first with 4.5 points. The remaining Under 2000 prize winners were **Ruben Catig** (1960), **Todd Rumph** (1909), **Richard Yang** (1865), **Payam Afkham-Ebrahimi** (1851), **Winston Tsang** (1832), and **Carlos D'Avila** (1800), all with 4-1.

The Under 1800 Section provided a perfect argument for, or against, re-entry options. Depending on your own opinion, **Michael Mills'** (1772) perfect 5-0 triumph demonstrates either an aberration of fair competition or just smart tournament savvy. Regardless, Mills' fighting spirit carried him through five successful bouts when he re-entered into the two-day schedule after losing the first round of the slower, three-day option. Just behind Mills were **Suryadi Gunawan** (1680) and **Harold Fong** (1644), both sharing 2nd place with 4.5 points apiece. Meanwhile, **David Trestor** (1791), **Steve Little** (1764), Lowell student **Dmitry Karshtedt** (1762), **Rolando Macabeo** (1715), **Von Motschenbacher** (1678), **Ranaan Ben-Zur** (1670), and **Rodrigo Dioso Jr.** (1622) each finished 4-1 to tie for fourth and fifth place prizes in the Under 1800 Section.

"C" players **Mark Havrilla** (1547) and **Virak Lun** (1546) shared top honors in the Under-1600 Section, each with 4.5 points. Havrilla got a break in round 4, when his 3-0 opponent forfeited. Chasing the co-winners were **Wang Poon** (1588), **Arcadio Rubi Jr.** (1577), **John Boutin** (1571), and **Mike Banulescu** (1505), each of them scoring 4 points out of 5. Oddly enough, Poon also received a free point in round four when his 2-1 opponent decided not to show.

Finally, the Under 1400 Section was won by **Flavio Srivastava** (1334) with a convincing 5-0 tromp. In sole possession of 2nd place with 4.5 points was **David Morgan** (1292), who also re-entered after losing round one to top seed **Mark Wiley** (1396) in the three-day schedule. Ironically, Wiley finished behind Morgan in a tie for third place with **Randall Bull** (1357), **Christopher Baumgartner** (1308), and **Roberto Srivastava** (1280) each scoring 4 points.

As with all good tournaments, chief TD Goichberg had excellent local directing assistance from *CCJ's* own **Carolyn Withgitt** and Cal Bear fan **Alan Tse**. **Jay Blem** and **Don Shennum** from "National Chess and Games" provided plenty of books and equipment to tempt chess shoppers. In the opinion of this player, the 1993 Continental Open and the Concord Hilton deserve two thumbs up.

White: NM Jesse Sales (2280)
Black: IM Anthony Saidy (2485)
Torre Attack [A25]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. e3
4. Nbd2 is more common aiming for the aggressive 5. e4.
4...b6 5. Be2
The bishop may be better on d3 to contest e4 against Black's announced fianchetto.
5...Bb7
Another plan is 5...0-0 6. 0-0 c5 7. c3 d6 8. Nbd2 Ba6!?
6. 0-0 c5 7. c3 0-0 8. Nbd2 d6 9. h3 Nbd7
9...Nc6 equalizes according to *ECO*. White's next move takes gains space and takes advantage of Nbd7.
10. b4 Rc8 11. Qb3 cb4
Southern California Champ Thomas Wolski recommends 11...Rc7 with the idea of 12...Qa8.
12. cb4 Qc7 13. Rac1!? Qc1 14. Rc1 Rc1 15. Kh2
Despite the gambit of a point, it is too early to assess if White is better or worse.
15...Rfc8 16. Qa4 R8c7 17. e4 R1c3 18. Bb5 Bc6 19. Bc6 R3c6 20. Qb5
Sales' "creeping queen moves" are slowly making Black's position less and less comfortable.
20...Rc2 21. e5 de5 22. de5 Ne8 23. Be7 a6
If 23...Ne5?! 24. Bd8! Nf3+ 25. Nf3 Nd6 26. Qd3 R7c6 27. b5! +-. Black's best chance is 23...Ra2, after which White can still play Bd8!
24. Qa6 Ne5
White has not only won a pawn, but also managed to isolate Black's b6.
25. Bh4 Nd7 26. Bg3 Rc8 27. Ne4
Setting up a "cheapo" that Black misses.
28...Bf8?
Although this move attacks b4, better would have been 28...Rd8 29. Bh4 Rb8.
28. Nc5! R8c5 29. bc5 Rc5 30. Qd3 Nef6 31. Nd2 Rd5 32. Qe2 Nh5 33. Bc7 Rc5 34. Bd8 Rc8 35. Bg5 Ng7 36. g3 Ne6 37. Be3 Bc5
Black's position seems solid enough to hold, but offering exchanges may not be prudent.
38. Bh6 Bf8 39. Bf8 Nef8 40. Kg2
Before White can embark on a plan, eventually undermining either b6 or f7, he must first secure his kingside.
40...Ra8 41. Nb3 Ra7 42. Qb2 Ne6 43. Nd2 Ra4 44. Nf1 Rd4 45. Ne3 h5 46. Qc3 Kh7 47. Qc6!
Once again those creeping queen moves have infiltrated. The end is near.
47...Rd2?!
This just allows White's next with tempo. 47...Nd8 puts up greater resistance.
48. Nc4 Rd3 49. Nd6!
Much stronger than the superficial 49. Nb6.
49...Ne5 50. Qb6 h4
Black's only offensive on the White king comes too little, too late.
51. Nf7! Nf4 52. gf4 Nf7 53. Qf6 Rd7 54. f5! 1-0
Much quicker than winning the h-pawn. Remember, watch out for those creeping queen moves!

White: IM David Strauss (2566)
Black: NM Jesse Sales (2280)
English Hedgehog [A30]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. Nc3 e6 6. 0-0 d6 7. Re1 Be7
Strauss has always been a positional player and in this game finds himself facing the stubborn Hedgehog. I suspect positional players must dislike the Hedgehog because it appears to concede White a positional plus but always proves to be a hard nut to crack. This time, the pressure on IM Strauss is compounded by his half-point deficit behind the Cinderella-like Sales.
8. e4 a6 9. d4
No guts, no glory.
9...cd4 10. Nd4 Qc7 11. Be3 0-0 12. Rc1 Nbd7
Black ends the suspense and chooses the predictable Nbd7 over c6.
13. f4 Rac8 14. Bf2
Preparing the stinging e5. But watch how Sales' play maintains Black's resilient Hedgehog bunker.
14...Qb8 15. e5 Ne8 16. Bh3 Nc5 17. b4 de5!?
Just when it looks like White is going to win after ...Nd7 and sac on e6, Black throws in some intermezzos.
18. fe5
18. Re5! may be better as mentioned by SM Thomas Wolski. For example, if 18...Nd7 19. Re6 fe6 20. Be6 Kh8 21. Bd7, or 18...Rd8? 19. bc5 bc5 20. Nd5 etc. and White has a distinct advantage. Perhaps Strauss did not anticipate Sales' second intermezzo.
18. Rd8! 19. Qe2 Nd7 20. a3 Ba8
Black's long-diagonal intentions become clear. But instead of the neutralizing 21. Bg2 Bg2 22. Kg2, White is tempted to over-press his much lower rated opponent.
21. Ne6?! fe6 22. Be6 Kh8 23. Nd5 Nc7!
White appears just a breath away from full compensation, but Black turns off the oxygen.
24. Nc7
24. Bd7 Nd5 25. cd5 Rd7 and d5 can no longer protect White from mate threats along the a8-h1 diagonal.
24...Qc7 25. Bd5 a5 26. Qb2
The hunter now becomes the prey.
26...ab4 27. ab4 Bc6 28. Bd4 Qb7 29. Rcd1 b5
Not 29...Bd5? 30. cd5 Qd5 31. Bb6
30. e6 Nf6 31. Bc6 Qc6 32. c5 Rfe8

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White's once mighty pawns are now static targets.

33. Qe2 Kg8 34. Rf1 Qe4 35. Qe4 Ne4 36. Rf7 Nf6

Black plays sensibly, as White's earlier compensation has now all but evaporated.

37. c6 Rc8 38. c7 Rc7 39. Bf6 gf6 40. Kg2 Rf8 0-1

Strauss resigns gracefully amidst a burst of applause from the closely huddled spectators. Underdog NM Jesse Sales had just earned the title of 1993 Continental Open Champion.

White: NM Peter Yu (2349)
Black: WIM Liz Neely (2219)
Tarrasch Defense [A36]
Annotated by NM Peter Yu

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1. c4

The last tournament Liz and I played we also met in the final round. That game didn't matter so far as winning any money. This time things are different as the winner would be guaranteed a nice chunk of dough with four points out of five.

1...c5

Liz decides not to revisit the line 1...e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. g3 Bb4 4. Bg2 0-0 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. 0-0 Re8 7. Nd5 Bc5 8. d3 h6 9. a3 a5 10. Bd2 Nd5 11. cd5 Nd4 12. e3 Nf3 13. Qf3 d6 14. e4 += as in Yu-Neely, Santa Clara 1992.

2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 Nf6

Symmetrical lines are always difficult in a must-win situation. Fortunately Liz spares us both the trouble by breaking the symmetry.

4. Bg2 e6

This move invites White to play d4 in the near term. I suspect most English players suffer from d4-phobia, otherwise they would play it on move one. However, White's greatest weapon in the English is the ability to transpose, and any player who wishes to advance with this opening must learn to be flexible.

5. Nf3 d5 6. cd5 ed5

6...Nd5 would have preserved some likeness to the English, as it does not force 7. d4. However, even after 6...Nd5, White can choose 7. d4 anyway and enter a Semi-Tarrasch: 7...Be7 8. 0-0 0-0 9. Nd5 (e4!?) ed5 10. dc5 Bc5 11. Qc2 +=/=. The text leaves little choice for White but to transpose into a Tarrasch Defense.

7. d4 Be6

This rarely-played move postpones developing Black's king's bishop, hoping White will take on c5 first. More common is 7...Be7, after which Yu—Jeff McKenna (2299), Rockville 1991, continued 8. 0-0 0-0 9. dc5 Bc5 10. Bg5! d4 11. Bf6 Qf6 12. Ne4 Qe7 13. Nc5 Qc5 14. Rc1 Qb6 15. Qd2 Re8 16. Rfd1 Bg4 17. Nd4! Rad8 18. Bc6 bc6 19. Rc6 Rd4 20. Qd4 Qc6 21. Qg4 +-.

Earlier in the tournament I saw NM Emmanuel Perez on the board next to me play 7...Be7 8. 0-0 Bg4 9. Be3! c4 which led to a good game for White. Due to my real-time "opening preparation," I was not afraid of entering this line. However, I was worried about 7...Bg4!? immediately, since 8. Be3 c4 9. 0-0 would allow Black to place her bishop on a more aggressive square than e7. Fortunately, Black played what seemed to be a passive move.

8. 0-0 Qd7

A theoretical novelty. 8...Be7 leads us back to book after 9. Bg5 0-0 10. dc5 Bc5 11. Bf6 Qf6 12. Nd5 Qb2 13. Nc7 Rad8 14. Qc1 Qc1 Rac1 with a slight edge for White. B.C.O. gives 8...h6 as another possibility, preventing White's next move.

9. Bg5!

Now Black begins to get in trouble. The simple 9...Be7 cannot meet White's dual threat of taking on c5 or doubling pawns on f6. Likewise, 9...cd4 allows 10. Bf6 dc3 11. Bc3 giving White a bind on Black. This leaves 9...Ne4, which looks aggressive at first but probably drops a pawn.

9...Ne4 10. Ne4 de4 11. Ne5 Qd5!?

This was Black's point to her ninth move. White wins the e4 pawn easily after 11...Ne5 12. de5 Qc6 (Qd1 13. Rfd1 Bg4 14. Rd2 +-) 13. Rc1! Qb6 (Qd5 14. Qa4+) 14. b3.

12. Nc6 Qg5 13. Be4!

Black must have overlooked this shot back when she initiated the exchange on e4. If it weren't for the fact that 13...bc6 loses to 14. Bc6+, White would have had to retreat his embarrassed knight.

13...Bd5 14. Ne5!

Tactically forced, but good nonetheless.

14...Be4 15. Qa4+ Bc6

15...Ke7?? 16. Qd7+ Kf6 17. Qf7 mates.

16. Nc6 a6

Once again leaving a piece en prise without retribution. Somehow White has managed to gain a pawn and still threatens an unstoppable discovered check.

17. dc5 Bc5 18. Nd4+

If 18. Ne5+?! b5! and Black keeps castling rights.

18...Kf8 19. Nf3 Qf6

Better is 19...Qe7 protecting the bishop and attacking e2.

20. Rac1 b6 21. b4 b5 22. Qb3 Bb6 23. Qd5 Qd8 24. Rfd1 Qd5 25. Rd5

A pawn up in a better position, White should be able to win quickly. However, Black puts up a stubborn defense.

25...Ke7 26. Rc6 Rhb8 27. Ne5 Rb7 28. Rdd6 Rab8 29. Nd3

Heading towards d5. During the game I thought this would be a winning maneuver, but Black begins to unravel.

29...a5 30. Nf4 Ke8 31. Nd5 Bd8 32. a3 ab4 33. ab4 Ra8 34. Ra6 Ra6?!

Better is 34...Rba7 controlling the open a-file.

35. Ra6 Kd7 36. e4

At this point I realized my rook and knight needed reinforcements. White's extra e-pawn should be just the right peon for the job. Meanwhile, Black tries to activate her rook.

36...Rb8 37. Ra7+ Ke6 38. f4 g6

38...Bb6!? 39. Nb6 Rb6 really puts White's 38th move to the test. Theoretically White should still win the rook and pawn endgame

Readers' Games

Arthur Braden-Rich Kelson Concord 4/11/93
1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 b6 3. Bg2 Bb7 4. d4 e6 5. c4 Be7 6. d5 ed5 7. Nh4 c6 8. Nf5 0-0 9. cd5 Bb4 10. Bd2 Bd2 11. Qd2 Nd5 12. Bd5 cd5 13. Nd6 Bc6 14. 0-0 Qf6 15. Qf4 Qf4 16. gf4 f5 17. b4 Rf6 0-1

I Ivanov-Burt Izumikawa
1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. e3 Nf6 5. Nf3 Nbd7 6. Qc2 Bd6 7. Be2 0-0 8. 0-0 dc4 9. Bc4 b5 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. Nd2 a6 12. Nce4 Be7 13. Nf6 Nf6 14. Nb3 h6 15. Bd2 Bd6 16. e4 e5 17. Na5 Qb6 18. Rac1 Rac8 19. de5 Be5 20. Qc5 Qc7 21. f4 Bb2 22. Nb7 Qb7 23. Rcd1 Rfd8 24. Be3 Ng4 25. Kh1 Ne3 26. Qe3 c5 27. e5 c4 28. Bf5 c3 29. e6 fe6 30. Be6 Kh7 31. Bc8 Rc8 32. Qe5 c2 33. Qb2 cd1(Q) 34. Rd1 Qe4 35. Qe5 Qe5 36. fe5 Rc5 37. Re1 Kg8 38. e6 Kf8 39. e7 Ke8 40. h3 Rc2 41. a3 Rc3 42. a4 ba4 43. Re6 a3 44. Kh2 Rb3 45. h4 Rc3 46. h5 Rb3 47. g4 Rf3 48. Ra6 Ke7 49. g5 hg5 50. Kg2 Rc3 51. Rg6 Kf7 52. Rg5 a2 53. Ra5 Rc2 54. Kf3 Ke6 55. Ke4 Kd6 56. Kd3 Rh2 57. Kd4 Kc6 58. Kc4 Kb6 59. Ra8 Rg2 60. Kb4 Rf2 61. Kc4 Rh2 62. Kb4 Rh5 63. Ra2 Rd5 64. Kc4 Kc6 65. Ra1 Rd6 66. Rg1 g6 67. Rg5 1/2

NM Mark Pinto-John Trivett 2006 (1993 National Open)
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 ed4 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. c3 Nf6 6. e5 Ne4 7. cd4 Bb4 8. Bd2 Nd2 9. Nbd2 d5 10. Bb5 Bg4 11. Bc6 bc6 12. Qc2 Rb8 13. a3 Bd2 14. Nd2 0-0 15. 0-0 Rb6 16. b4 Bh5 17. f4 Qh4 18. Nb3 Rfb8?! 19. Rae1 a5?! 20. Na5 Bg6 21. Qf2 Qf2 22. Rf2 Be4 23. Re3 Ra8 24. Rc3 h5 25. f5 h4 26. h3 Kf8 27. f6 gf6 28. Rf6 Ra5 29. ba5 Rb1 30. Rf1 Rb2 31. Rf2 Rb5 32. Rc6 Ra5 33. Rc7 Ra3 34. Rff7 Ke8 35. Rce7 Kd8 36. Ra7 1-0

FM Renard Anderson-NM Mark Pinto
1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 de4 4. Ne4 Nf6!? 5. Nf6 gf6 6. c3 Bf5 7. Nf3 e6 8. g3 Qd5!? 9. Bg2 Qe4 10. Be3 Qd3!? 11. Qb3 Nd7! 12. Nd2 Qa6?! 13. c4 Be7 14. 0-0 0-0 15. g4! Bg4 16. Bh6 Bh5 17. Qg3 Bg6 18. Bf8 Rf8 19. b3?! Kh8 20. Kh1 Qa5 21. Nf3 Rg8 22. Rg1 Bh5 23. Qf4 Rg4 24. Qe3 Qf5! 25. Nd2! Bd6 26. Bh3 Qf4 27. Qf4 Rf4 28. c5 Rf2? 29. Rg2- Rg2 30. Bg2 Bf4 31. Nc4 e5 32. de5 fe5 33. Nb2 Nf6 34. Re1 Ng4 35. h3 Nf2 36. Kg1 Nd3 37. Rb1 and White won.

Richard Shorman-Elite Avant Garde, 5/10/93 5-min game
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Ne4 4. Nc3 Nc3 5. dc3 f6 6. Nh4 g6 7. 0-0 c6 8. f4 d5 9. fe5 f5 10. Qd4 Be7 11. Nf3 dc4 12. Qc4 b6 13. Qf4 Ba6 14. Re1 Qd5 15. Be3 Nd7 16. Rad1 Qa2 17. Nd4 Qb2 18. Ne6 Rc8 19. Ng7 Kf8 20. Qh6 Ne5 21. Nf5 Ke8 22. Ng7 Kf7 23. Bd4 Nd7 24. Ne6 Bf6 25. Ng5 Kg8 26. Re7 Qc2 27. Rg7 Kf8 28. Rd7 Ke8 29. Bf6 Qd1 30. Rd1 Rf8 31. Qg7 Rf6 32. Qf6 Bc4 33. Re1 Be2 34. Re2 Kd7 35. Qe7 1-0

White: Dave Quarve
Black: John Brewster
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Nimzo-Indian Defense [E22]

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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qb3 c5 5. e3 Ne4 6. Bd3 Bc3
6...Qh4? 7.g3 Qg4 8.f3!!
7. bc3 Nf6
My chess computer (Fidelity's Design Display 2000) played ...d5 here.
8. dc5
Wins a pawn and opens the diagonal a3-f8 for the bishop, but gives up the e5 square.
8...0-0 9. Nf3 d6 10. cd6 Qd6 11. Ke2
I believe 11.Nd4 Na6 12.Ba3 Nc5 13.Bc5 is better here.
11...Nbd7
11...Rd8!?
12. Rd1 Nc5 13. Ba3
I considered 13.Bh7, winning another pawn and obtaining play on the open d-file, but was not convinced it was sufficient to win. After 13...Kh7 14.Rd6 Nb3 15.ab3 Ne4 is met by 16.Rd4! (16...Nc3? 17.Kd2 wins the knight), so 13.Bh7 was best in fact.
13...Qc7 14. Qc2 h6
14...e5!?
15. Rab1
15.Bc5 is better.
15...b6!
A good plan, Black completes his development and takes control of the long diagonal h1-a8.
16. g3
Frees the knight but allows Black to continue his plan with good play in the center and along the long diagonal.
16...Bb7 17. Nd4 Rfd8 18. f4?
Allows a nice little combination which wins material for Black. Giving up the minor exchange with 18.Bc5, as recommended by my computer, was necessary.
18...Nd3! 19. Rd3 Be4 20. Qa4 Bd3 21. Kd3 Qb7!
Once again, the long diagonal becomes an avenue of attack.
22. Re1 Qe4 23. Kd2 Qg2 24. Re2 Ne4
24...Rd4! 25.cd4 Ne4 26.Kd3 Qe2 27.Ke2 Nc3 wins.
25. Kc2 Nf2 26. Kc1 Qf1 27. Kd2 Ne4 28. Kd3 Nc5
Again missing the shot 28...Qe2!, and if 29. Ke2 Nc3. 29. Ke4 also leads to mate after 29...f5 30. Nf5 (30. Ke5 Qe3) Qg2 31. Ke5 Rd5! 32.cd5 (32.Ke6 Qe4) Qd5 #.
29. Bc5 bc5 30. Qc2 cd4 31. cd4 Qf3 32. Rf2 Qb7 33. e4 f5 34. ef5 ef5 35. d5 Rac8 36. Qb3 Qa6

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The threat is ...Rd5.

37. Kd4 Rb8

37...Re8!?

38. Qc2 Qb6 39. c5 Qb4

Also good is Qf3! Here the game was adjourned.

40. Ke5 Rb5! 1-0

The White central pawns, which offered the chief incentive for counterplay, have been overpowered. John indicated after the game that he had expected 40.Qc4, but this allows the devastating shot 40...Rd5 41. Kd5 Rd8, whereupon the White King must abandon the protection of his queen, thereby having given up pawn and queen for rook.

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due to his extra pawn and the presence of "outside" b-pawns.

39. Kg2 Rc8 40. Kf3 f5?!

This just invites White's next move. Black's impermeable defense begins to show signs of fatigue.

41. Ra6+ Kf7 42. e5 Rc2?

Missing the seriousness of White's threat.

43. e6+ Ke8 44. e7 Be7 45. Re6 Kd7 46. Re7+ Kd6 47. Re5

Now White's job has become exponentially easier.

47...Rh2 48. Ne3! Kc6 49. Ng2 Rh1 50. Ne1 Rh2 51. Re2 1-0

Her rook hopelessly imprisoned, Black resigns before losing more material.

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13th San Joaquin Valley Championship

by Dennis M. Wacjkus

Chessplayers all over California are still talking about the record draw of 52 players at the 13th Annual San Joaquin Championship, held in Fresno on May 22-23. The new St. Agnes Hospital site was ideal for a chess tournament, spacious and comfortable. We drew 3 Masters and 7 Experts, who found the competition pretty strong. **NM Renard Anderson** tied for first place with 4-1/2 points, the only one of the Experts and Masters to win a piece of the $1000+ prize fund, with **Tom Ashley**. The trophy plaque went to Anderson on tie-breaks. Both Anderson and Ashley qualify for the Tournament of Champions at the CalChess State Championships on September 4-6, where the winners of regional qualifying tournaments are eligible for added prize money.

The winner of the "A" prize and plaque was **Carolyn Withgitt**, who scored four points and only lost to top-seeded Anderson. She was chased by **Joseph C. De Leon, Steve Brown, Walter Stellmacher**, and **Allan Fifield**, who also served as co-Tournament Director with Fresno Club President **Dennis Wacjkus**. The "B" prize was split between **Joe Millares** (plaque), **Anthony Maniscalco, George Paxton** and **Charles Ford**. The "C" winner was **Carl Yates**, with a tie for second between **James Williams** and **Albert Martinez. Patrick Pettey** and **Louis Spate, Jr.**, tied for the "D" prize. Pettey won the plaque on tie-breaks, but Spate played some very fine chess and shows rapidly improving technique. **Eric Corgiat, Vinka Bell, Kevin Koski,** and **Dwight Williams** tied for first in the "E" section.

The success of this tournament, and the uniformly favorable comments from the players, led us to schedule another tournament at St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno on the weekend of November 20-21, 1993.

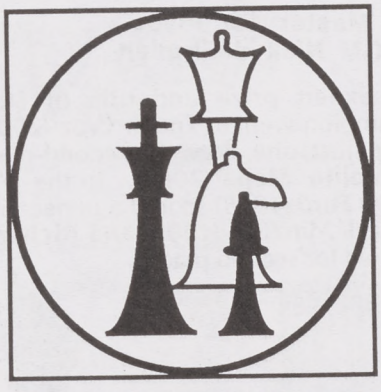
White: Tom Ashley
Black: Ed Auerbach
1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. d4 d5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. 0-0 0-0 8. Ne5 Ne7 9. Qb3 c6 10. Rd1 Re8 11. g4 dc4 12. Qc4 Ned5 13. e4 Nb6 14. Qd3 Qe7 15. g5 Nfd7 16. f4 h6 17. h4 hg5 18. hg5 Be5 19. de5 Kg7 20. Be3 Nf8 21. Rd2 Bd7 22. Nd1 Rad8 23. Nf2 Qb4 24. b3 Bc8 25. Qe2 Qc3 26. Rad1 Rd2 27. Rd2 Nfd7 28. Ng4 Rh8 29. Nf6 Ne5? 30. fe5 Qe5 31. Ng4 Qc7 32. Bd4 Kg8 33. Bh8 Kh8 34. Qd3 e5 35. Qd8 Qd8 36. Rd8 1-0

White: John Charles Barnard
Black: Allan Fifield
1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. 0-0 c5 6. Bg5 Be7 7. e3 d5 8. Nbd2 Nbd7 9. c4 0-0 10. Qa4 h6 11. Bf6 Bf6 12. Rfd1 cd4 13. ed4 Qe7 14. Rac1 Rfc8 15. cd5 Bd5 16. Rc8 Rc8 17. Qa7 Ra8 18. Qc7 Ra2 19. Ne5 Ne5 20. Qb8 Qf8 21. Qf8 Kf8 22. Bd5 ed5 23. de5 Be5 24. Nf3 Bb2 25. Rd5 Ba3 26. Ne5 Ke7 27. f4 Bc5 28. Kh1 Ke6 29. Rd8 f6 30. Nd3 Ra7 31. Kg2 Rd7 32. f5 Ke7 33. Rd7 Kd7 34. Kf3 Kd6 35. Ke4 b5 36. Nc1 Bg1 37. h3 Kc5 38. Kf4 Kb4 39. g4 Bh2 40. Ke3 Be5 41. h4 Kc4 42. Nd3 Kd5 43. h5 Bd6 44. Kd2 Kd4 0-1

White: Jose de Leon
Black: Jim Williams
1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 Nf6 4. Bd3 c6 5. Nbd2 Nbd7 6. 0-0 Qc7 7. e4 de4 8. Ne4 Ne4 9. Be4 Nf6 10. Bd3 Be7 11. Re1 0-0 12. Ng5 Rd8 13. c3 h6 14. Ne4 e5 15. Nf6 Bf6 16. Qf3 Be6 17. Qg3 h5 18. Bc2 Qd6 19. de5 1-0

White: Joe Millares
Black: Carolyn Withgitt
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ed5 Qd5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. c3 b6 6. Bf4 Bd6 7. Bd6 cd6 8. Na3 a6 9. Nc4 Rb8 10. Be2 Nge7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Ne3 Qa5 13. b4?! Qa3 14. Qd2 d5 15. Rfb1 Na7 16. Qc2 Bd7 17. Nd2 Ba4 18. Nb3 a5 19. Qd2 ab4 20. cb4 Bb5 21. Nc2 Qa6 22. Bb5 Qb5 23. a4 Qd7 24. b5 Rfc8 25. Ne3 Rc7 26. Rc1 Nac8 27. Rc7 Qc7 28. Rc1 Qd7 29. Re1?! Nd6 30. f3 Ra8 31. Qc2 Ra4 and Black won.

White: Andy Swanson
Black: Dr. Timothy Roth
1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. ed5 Nd5 4. Bc4 c6 5. Qf3 Nf6 6. h3 Nbd7 7. d4 Nb6 8. Qd3 Nc4 9. Qc4 Bf5 10. Nce2 Be4 11. Nf3 Bf3 12. gf3 Qd5 13. Qd3 e6 14. Bd2 0-0-0 15. 0-0-0 Qa2 16. c3 Qb3 17. Qc2 Qc4 18. Be3 h5 19. b3 Qd5 20. Kb2 Qf3 21. Ra1 a6 22. Qd3 g6 23. Rhg1 h4 24. Ra6 ba6 25. Qa6 Kd7 26. Nf4 Bd6 27. Ng6 fg6 28. Rg6 Rhg8 29. Qb7 Bc7 and Black won.



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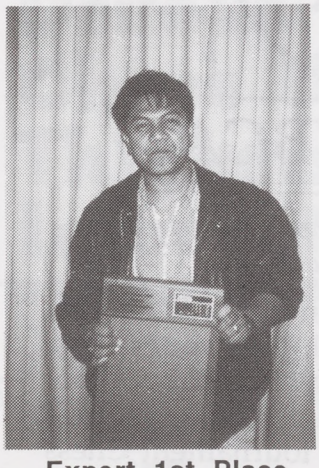
by FM Jim Eade and NM Tom Dorsch

The 1993 Northern California State Championship drew 210 players to San Mateo over the Labor Day weekend to compete for over $5500 in prizes. **GM Nick de Firmian** (2608), last year's winner, again took the title of state champ, giving up draws to **GM Walter Browne** (2640) and **FM James Eade** (2336). Tying for second were GM Walter Browne (2640) and **FM Burt Izumikawa** (2349), **SM Vladimir Strugatsky** (2498) was fourth. Top Under 2400 winners were Eade, **Renard Anderson** (2365), **Detlef Plump** (Unr.) of Germany, and **Precioso Saguisag** (2291).

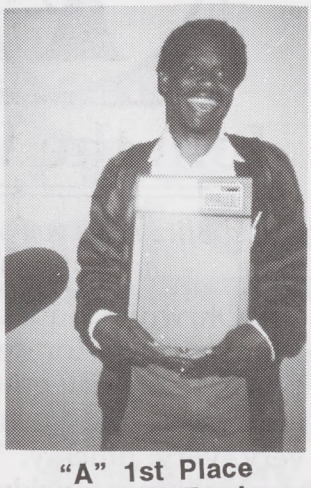


Master 1st Place
GM Nick deFirmian

The Expert prize and title of State Amateur Champion went to **Enoch Cruz** (2004) who gave up just one draw to second-place finisher **Carmelito Mejia** (2064). In the "A" Section **Clifton Ford** (1955) scored a perfect 6-0 to sweep. **Carl Minzner** (1906) and **Richard Yang** (1865) tied for second place.

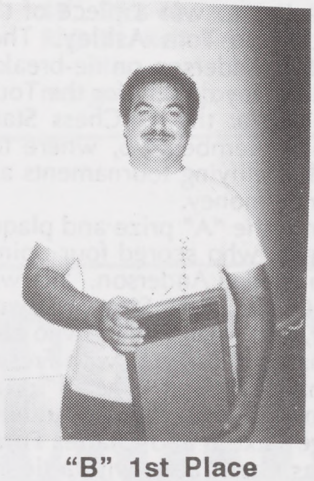


Expert 1st Place
Enoch Cruz

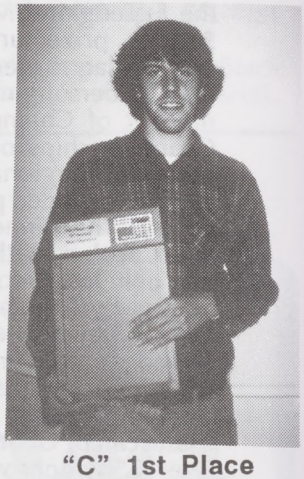


"A" 1st Place
Clifton Ford

The "B" Section top honors were shared by **Ursula Foster** (1749) and **Akram Hanna** (1666), who won the trophy on tiebreaks. Ms. Foster garnered the Senior State Champion title and trophy for her outstanding performance.

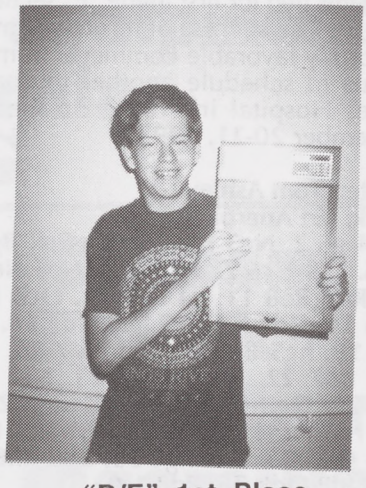


"B" 1st Place
Akram Hanna



"C" 1st Place
Jonathan Baker

Jonathan Baker (1570) won the "C" Section. **Louis Spate, Jr.** (1370) was champion of the "D/E" section. **Edward Muginshteyn** went undefeated in the Unrated Section.



"D/E" 1st Place
Louis Spate, Jr.

The twenty-two master CalChess/WBCA State Blitz Championship was won by **Ronald Cusi,** who defeated Walter Browne in a dramatic last-round encounter to take the title of 1993 State Blitz Champion. **NM Mike Splane** played a twenty-four game simul, losing only two games, one to Detlef Plump (who finished fourth in the Master section of the main event) and **Ignac Sperman.**

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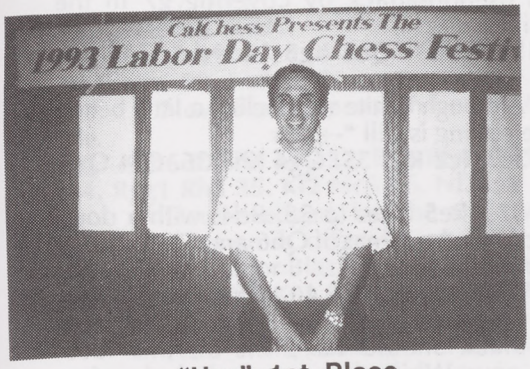
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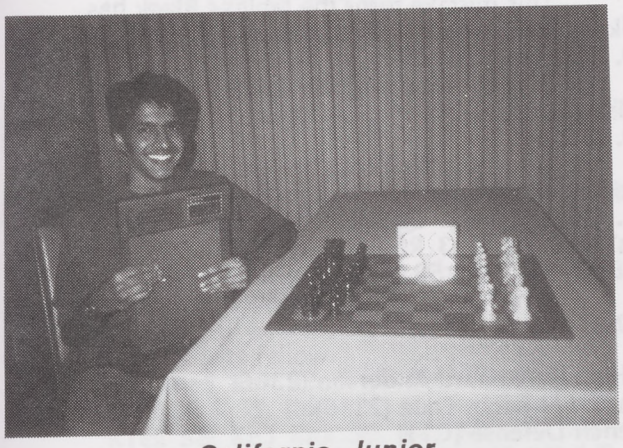
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"Unr" 1st Place
Edward Muginshteyn



California Junior Invitational 1st Place Harish Bhat



Simul Challengers Ready For Battle

The Northern California Junior Invitational Championship brought the top eight juniors together for a round-robin competition. Fifth-seed **Harish Bhat** (1899) scored 6 points, edging **Tigran Ishkanov** (2250) by half a point. The Junior Invitational was sponsored by "Games of Berkeley".

The tournament was staffed by TDs **Carolyn Withgitt, Julie Regan, Alan Tse, Craig Smith,** and assisted by **Charles Pigg, Don Wolitzer, Richard Shorman, Peter Yu, Neil Regan,** and **John Johnson.**

White: FM James Eade (2336)
Black: Mike Anderson (2113)
Torre Attack [A48]
Annotated by FM James Eade

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 Be7 4. Nbd2 d5 5. c3 Nbd7 6. e3 Ne4!?

Exchanges or displaces White's developed pieces at the cost of an inflexible and vulnerable pawn structure.

7. Be7 Qe7 8. Ne4 de4 9. Nd2 f5

Better than 9...Nf6, because White always has the lever with f3.

10. Bc4

To restrain ...e5.

10...0-0

Black should probably play ...e5 and try to cover the weak white squares in his position with a timely ...Be6.

11. 0-0 Nb6 12. f3 Nc4

12...Nd5 is interesting, but the complications following 13. Qe2 f4 14. Bd5 and 15.fe4 favor White.

13. Nc4 b5?!

Loosening, but Black is at least consistent in trying to get piece play regardless of the resulting pawn structure.

14. Nd2

14. Ne5 is inviting, but I preferred to fix and attack Black's weak pawn structure instead.

14...Bb7 15. fe4 fe4 16. Nb3

Aiming for the choice c5 outpost created by Black's 13th move.

16...Qg5

Seeking counterplay with piece activity.

17. Qd2 Rf3!

Exploiting the g-file pin and pressuring the e-pawn, but these aggressive displays should be beaten back eventually.

18. Nc5 Bd5 19. Rae1 Raf8 20. b3

To drive the bishop away with c4.

20...a5?

There is no reason for Black to move pawns on the queenside. 20...h5 is more consistent.

21. Qe2?

Wanting to protect e3, cover f1 and prepare c4, but missing Black's 22nd. 21.Qc1 accomplishes everything without giving Black needless tempi.

21...h5

The only way to make progress in this position.

22. c4 Qg4! 23. Qc2

Admitting the mistake.

23...bc4 24. bc4 Bc6

24...Bc4 doesn't work after 25. Qc4 Rf1 26. Rf1 Qe3 and simply 27.Kh1.

25. Nb3

White has to work hard to win the position after his mistake.

25...h4 26. Nd2 Rf1 27. Nf1 h3 28. Ng3 hg2 29. Qg2 Rf3 30. Nf1 Qh5 31. Rb1

White finally manages to generate some threats.

31...Rf6 32. Rb2 Qd1 33. Rf2 Rf3 34. Qg4 Kf7 35. Qh5 Kg8 36. Qa5

This resource wouldn't have been available to White except for Black's 20...a5.

36...Rf2 37. Kf2 Qf3

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After 37...Qc2 38. Nd2, White eventually untangles and wins the ending.

38. Ke1 Be8

Still struggling to get this piece back into the game, which was caused by allowing the bad pawn structure in the first place.

39. Qa8

Exploiting the pin and the exposed king position to improve the white queen's position.

39...Kf8 40. Qb8 Qg2

Looking to snap off the a-pawn, if White muches the c-pawn.

41. Qb4 Kg8

41...Kf7 shuts the bishop off from the queenside.

42. Qe7

Playable because the exposed black king's position allows White to grab material and still get back in time to neutralize Black's queen/bishop battery.

42...Bh5 43. Qe6 Kh8 44. Qc8 Kh7 45. Qf5 g6 46. Qf7 Kh8 47. Qf2 Qg4 48. Qd2 Qe6 49. d5 Qa6 50. Ng3 Bf3 51. Ne4! Qc4

51...Be4 52. Qd4 recovers the piece with an easy ending.

52. Qc3

Trading down into an easily won endgame.

52...Qc3 53. Nc3 Kg7 54. Kf2 Bh1 55. e4 Kf6 56. Ke3 Ke5 57. a4 Bg2 58. a5 Bf1 59. Ne2 Bg2 60. Ng3 Bh3 and White won in a few more moves.

White: FM James Eade (2336)
Black: IM Marc Leski (2539)
London System [A46]
Annotated by FM James Eade

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c5 3. c3 Qb6 4. Qb3 Nf6 5. Bf4 Nc6 6. e3 c4 7. Qc2 Bf5 8. Qc1 Qd8 9. h3 h6 10. Be2 e6 11. Nbd2 b5 12. Ne5?

White needs to play 12. b3 before this move, so that e4 becomes playable.

12...Ne5 13. de5 Nd7 14. 0-0 Nc5

Correctly eschewing the idea of trying to win the e-pawn—which is all I considered, by the way—in favor of dropping a piece in on d3.

15. Re1 Be7 16. Nf3 Qb6 17. Nd4 Nd3 18. Bd3 Bd3 19. a4?!

Long-term resistance, with, for example, b4 and a3, is useless, so White plays for cheapo potential by transferring the white queen to the kingside, hoping her counterpart is distracted by pawn meals on the queenside.

19...b4 20. a5 Qb7 21. Qd1 0-0

Black doesn't want to allow 22.Qa4, and therefore castles.

22. Qg4 Kh7 23. h4

Scurrying to create another threat.

23...Rac8 24. h5 bc3 25. bc3 Qb2

And here she comes!

26. Rac1 Ba3 27. e4!?

Desperate times call for...

27...Be4 28. Re4

"Having said, 'A...' "

28...de4 29. Rf1

Only now does White realize that his intended 29.Ne6 and 30.Bh6 fails to 30...Qf2.

29...Rfe8?

Either 29...Qc3 or 29...Qb7 bust White's pseudo-attack by covering g7 in the critical lines.

30. Bc1! Qc3 31. Qe4 Kg8 32. Nb5 Qa5 33. Na3

Although White was feeling a little better here, the ending is still "-+."

33...c3 34. Nc2 Rc5 35. Qg4 Kh8 36. Qf4 Qc7 37. Be3 Rc4

37...Re5 loses to 38. Bd4, with a double pin due to the threat of Qh6 and Qg7 mate if the rook should move.

38. Qf3 Rb8 39. Rc1 a5 40. Qe2 Ra4 41. Bd4 Rd8 42. Qe3 Qc4

Black should have hit on this idea earlier; now White has some real drawing chances.

43. Qf3 Qc7 44. Qe3 Rc8 45. Ne1 Ra3 46. Rc2 Rb3 47. Nd3 Qc4 48. Nc1 Rb1?

This mistake turns the tables. Black has to keep the rook guarding the c-pawn.

49. Rc3! Qa6

Black's intended 49...Rc1 obviously fails to 50.Qc1.

50. Kh2 a4?

Now this should lose, but White has used up all his time in trying to survive this long.

51. Qd3! Rc3 52. Qa6 Rcc1 53. Qa4 Rb8 54. Qa7 Rf8 55. Qa3 Rfc8 56. Qe3 R1c4 57. g3 Kg8 58. Qd3 Ra4 59. Be3 Rac4 60. Kg2 Ra4

White accepts the draw offer.

1/2-1/2

White: FM Renard Anderson (2366)
Black: FM James Eade (2336)
French Defense [C11]
Annotated by FM James Eade

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Be3 a6 8. Qd2 cd4 9. Nd4 Bc5 10. 0-0-0 0-0 11. g3?

This is too quiet. 11. h4 is the main line.

11...Qc7 12. Qf2 b5 13. Nc6 Qc6 14. Bd3 Rb8

Why doesn't Black play the normal idea of b4-a5-Ba6 like he has a dozen times before? Black gets a better idea on the spot, which, of course, doesn't work out.

15. Rhf1

White still aims for an eventual f5 lever.

15...Qb6

Consistent with Black's "improvement."

16. Bc5 Qc5 17. Qf3

Threatening to shift the queen and commence a quick kingside storm.

17...Re8

Allowing queen retreats to f8 or e7 as need be, but this certainly wasn't Black's intention when he played 14...Rb8.

18. g4 Nb6 19. Qh3 g6 20. Rf3 Nc4

Perhaps 20...Na4 was better.

21. Rdf1

Allowing White to play Nd1 should Black threaten b2.

21...Rb7 22. Qh4 Qe7 23. Qe7 Rbe7

The ending is slightly better for White.

24. Ne2 Rc7

This looks like a strategic error, but it could emphasize White's bind, if followed up correctly with, for example, Rh3-h6.

25. g5?! Bb7 26. Nd4 Kg7 27. b3?!
27. Rh3.
27...Na5 28. Kd2?!
Last chance for 28. Rh3-h6.
28...Nc6 29. Ke3 Rh8
Now Black opens and exploits the h-file.
30. a3 h6 31. h4 hg5 32. hg5 Rh4 33. Rg3 Ne7 34. Rgg1 Rh3 35. Kf2 Nc6 36. Nf3 d4
Double-edged, but the slight weakness of the d4 pawn is offset by opening the long white diagonal for Black's hungry bishop.
37. Rg3 Rh8 38. Ke1 Rd7 39. Kd2 Ne7 40. Rf2 Rh1 41. Bf1
Now White must defend accurately and strive to exchange one set of rooks.
41...Bf3
A difficult decision and both players are starting to worry about their clocks.
42. Rgf3 Nf5 43. Rh3 Rg1
Black is safe, if he takes, but only has winning chances if he keeps the rooks on.
44. Bd3 Ne3 45. Rfh2 Kf8
Avoiding the threat of 46.Rh8 and R1h7 mate.
46. Rh8 Ke7 47. Ra8 Rc7
Attacking the c-pawn and creating an escape square for the King.
48. Rhh8 Rg2 49. Ke1
If 49. Kc1 Rg1 50. Kb2 Nd1 mates.
49...Nc2 50. Bc2 Rgc2
Of course, 50...Rcc2 allows 51. Ra7 with mate to follow.
51. Rhe8 Kd7 52. Red8 Ke7 53. Re8 Kd7 54. Rad8 Kc6 55. Rd4 Kb7 56. Red8 Rc1 57. Ke2 R1c2 58. Ke3 Rh2 59. Rd3 Rh3 60. Ke4 Rd3 61. Kd3 Ka7 62. Kd4 Kb7 63. Rd6 1/2-1/2
A good fight!

White: FM Richard Lobo (2370)
Black: FM James Eade
Catalan [E05]
Annotated by FM James Eade

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. d4 Be7 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. g3 0-0 6. Bg2 dc4 7. Ne5 c5 8. dc5 Qd1
8...Qc7 is also possible.
9. Kd1?!
9. Nd1 is considerably safer.
9...Bc5 10. f4?
This makes the development of Black's queenside much easier, because it takes f4 away from White's bishop.
10...Nbd7 11. Nc4 Rb8
Exploiting the fact that Bf4 isn't possible.
12. e4 b5 13. Na5?!
13. Ne3 is better, but that would admit that White is worse. White instead plays for a queenside bind, to which Black responds with a violent attack, all the more subtle, because the queens are off the board.
13...Ba6!?
An odd placement, but an important one, as will soon become evident.
14. a3 Ng4
Black's threat of winning the exchange is really just a feint. The real idea is to bring the knight into the mating attack.
15. Kc2
15. b4 Bd4 is also difficult for White.
15...Nf2 16. Re1 b4
Black is "in."
17. ab4 Nd3! 18. Rd1 Nb4 19. Kb1 Bd3 20. Rd3 Nd3 21. e5?
A final mistake.
21...Be3! 22. Kc2
22. Be3 is met by 22...Rb2 mate.
22...Ne1
Leaving Black an entire rook to the good. A rare weak game by the normally solid Senior Master.
0-1

White: Jim Eade
Black: Nick de Firmian (2608)
London System [A46]
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bf4 b6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Bd3 Be7 6. h3 c5 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. c3 0-0 9. Nbd2 cd4 10. ed4 a6 11. Qe2 b5 12. a4 b4 13. c4 d6 14. Rfe1 Re8 15. Bh2 Bf8 16. Rad1 g6 17. Nf1 Qa5 18. Qd2 Rad8 19. b3 e5 20. d5 Nb8 21. Bc2 Nbd7 22. g4 Nc5 23. Bg3 Bg7 24. Bh4 Rf8 25. Bg5 Rde8 26. Ng3 Kh8 27. Nh4 Bc8 28. Bh6 Bh6 29. Qh6 Ng8 30. Qd2 Qd8 31. Ng2 a5 32. f4 ef4 33. Qf4 Qf6 34. Rf1 Qf4 35. Rf4 Kg7 36. Kf2 Nf6 37. Re1 Re1 38. Ne1 Re8 39. Nf3 h6 40.Nd2 Bd7 41.Rd4 Re5 42.Nf3 Re7 43.Nd2 Bc8 44.Bd1 Re8 45.Bc2 Kf8 46.Rf4 Ke7 47.Nge4 Nfe4 48.Be4 Rh8 49.Kg3 Rf8 50.Bc2 f5 51.Rf3 Kf6 52.Re3 Bd7 53.Nf3 fg4 1/2-1/2

White: Mark Gagnon
Black: NM Precioso Saguisag
Master Section Brilliancy [A00]

1. g4 d5 2. Bg2 Bg4 3. c4 Bc8 4. Bd5 Nf6 5. Bg2 c6 6. Nc3 g6 7. d3 Bg7 8. Bd2 b6 9. Nf3 Bb7 10. c5 bc5 11. Na4 Nfd7 12. Qb3 Qc8 13. Ng5 0-0 14. Bh3 Na6 15. Nf7 c4 16. Qc4 Rf7 17. Be6 Qe8 18. Qb3 Ndc5 19. Nc5 Nc5 20. Bf7 Qf7 21. Qb4 Qd5 22. Rg1 a5 0-1

White: Svetosar Olujic
Black: David L. Oppedal
Expert Brilliancy [A65]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 ed5 5. cd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7. Bg5 Bg7 8. Bd3 h6 9. Bh4 0-0 10. Nge2 g5 11. Bg3 a6 12. a4 Qe7 13. f3 Nbd7 14. 0-0 Ne5 15. Be5 Qe5 16. f4 gf4 17. Nf4 Qd4 18. Kh1 Ng4 19. Qf3 Be5 20. Ne6 Be6 21. de6 Nh2 22. ef7 Kg7 23. Qh3 Nf1 24. Rf1 Bf6 25. Nd5 Rf7 26. Qg3 Bg5 27. Rf7 Kf7 28. Qd6 Rd8 29. Qc7 Kf8 30. Be2 b5 31. Bh5 Qf2 32. g3 ba4 33. Qe5 Kg8 34. Ne7 Be7 35. Qe6 Kf8 36. Qh6 Kg8 1/2-1/2

White: Virgil Fuentes
Black: Bret Hofler
"A" Section Brilliancy [B89]
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cd4 4. Nd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Be3 Be7 8. Qe2 Nd4 9. Bd4 0-0 10. 0-0-0 a6 11. Rhg1 b5 12. Bd3 Qa5 13. g4 b4 14. g5 Ne8 15. Qh5 bc3 16. Bc3 Qc5 17. f4 f5 18. Rg3 g6 19. Qh6 Rf7 20. Rh3 Bf8 21. Qg6 Rg7 22. Qe8 Rg6 23. ef5 ef5 24. Rh7 Kh7 25. Qf8 Qc3 26. bc3 Bb7 27. Qf5 1-0

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Short Tournament Reports

BANKAMERICA CHESS CLUB

The 1993 Summer Picnic and Chess Tournament in Golden Gate Park drew an enthusiastic crowd for hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks, beer and chess on July 18. Despite competition from the San Francisco Marathon, Club President **Joe Puechner** reports that everyone was well-fed, had a good time, and won (almost all) of their games. When the smoke from the BBQ cleared, **Brian Jew** emerged victorious with 4 of 5 points, followed by **Nguyen Lam** (3.5), **Uwe Jacobs** (3), and **Guillermo Mendez** (2.5). In the four-round section, winners were **Ted E. Prokos** (3.5), **Patrick Dempsey** (3), **David Gray** (3), and **Dan Boudreay** (3), followed by **Michael Bennett** (2.5) and **Lorena Dreyfus** (2.5).

The next Bankamerica Club tournament will be the Winter Wonderland on Sunday, November 14, 1993, at 315 Montgomery in San Francisco. Call Joe Puechner at 415-751-5984 for details.

MODESTO CLUB

Knightlife Chess Tournaments sponsored the latest "chess-fights" with **Joseph de Leon** presiding at "ring-side!!" The five-round chess contest was held from 7/1/93 to 7/29/93, attracting nineteen players, including the club"s newest tournament player, Jerry Butler.

The winners were as followed:

OPEN:

1st:	**Jose Juan de Leon** (2077)	5-0
2nd:	**Joseph C. de Leon** (1980)	4-1
3rd:	**Ursula Foster** (1753)	3.5-1.5

Under 1500:

1st:	**Frank T. Fusco** (1220)	3-2
2nd:	**Charles Wray** (1189)	2.5-2.5

Joseph de Leon provides the following "round-by-round" cover-age:

"What a tournament!!! EVERYONE wanted to draw 'blood!!' Even Dracula volunteered to be our tournament 'medic!' (I turned him down because I already 'gave' at the office). For example:

Rd. 2: 'Macho Nacho' **Jose Ignacio Guerrero** (1832) 'K.O.'s' heavy-weight 'Killer' **Kevin Cripe** (1854) in thirty moves!.

Rd. 3: SUPER-HEAVYWEIGHT **Paul Cripe** (2376) joins the 'battle' (rds. 3 & 4)!!

Rd. 4: The 'lions' FINALLY play each other, **de Leon, Sr.** (1980) vs **de Leon, Jr.** (2077); **Jose Juan** won 'brilliantly' against defending '5-0' Champ, Joseph C., yours truly!! (I blundered.)

Rd. 5: **Ursula Foster** (1753) vs. **Charles Wray** (1189) proved that the 'Queen' is STILL the most powerful chess piece in chess!! (Disregard Chuck's 'provisional' rating, he's TOUGH!!!) Welter-weights 'The Lion' **Leon Aldrich** (1477) vs. 'Crusher' **Corbett Carroll** (1596) went the distance! Leon 'earned' the full point! **Frank Fusco** (1220) wins a close game over **Julie Vizcaino** (1144)!! For those of you haven't realized it yet, Julie plays at 'A' level strength against most people! Remember her name, she'll be among the 'chess elite' one day!! (Look out, Judit Polgar!) Great game, Frank!"

Here is a "thrilla" game from the "Thursday Knight Fights" July 1993 contest for your enjoyment:

White: Jose Ignacio Guerrero (1830)
Black: Kevin Cripe (1850)
Queen Pawn Opening [A48]

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. e3 Bg7 4. Bd3 0-0 5. Nbd2 b6 6. c3 Bb7 7. e4 d6 8. 0-0 c5 9. d5 a6 10. a4 Nbd7 11. h3 e5 12. Nh2 Nh5 13. Nc4 Qe7 14. f4 ef4 15. Bf4 Nf4 16. Rf4 b5 17. Na5 Ne5 18. ab5 Nd3 19. Qd3 Rfb8 20. Nc6 Bc6 21. bc6 Rb2 22. Ra6 Ra6 23. Qa6 Bc3 24. Qc8 Kg7 25. Nf3 Rb1 26. Kh2 g5 27. Rf5 h6 28. c7 Qe4 29. Rf7 Kf7 30. Qd7 1-0

TRIPLE CHECK TOURNAMENTS

Raphael Yelluas organizes and directs the monthly sectionals and scholastic quads in Palo Alto. These one-day events are held on Sundays, and provide a great opportunity to enjoy a pleasant day of chess, without "giving up" your entire weekend, or entire Sunday for that matter.

Sectionals #4 were held on 7/11/93. **Bruce Kopet** (1943) swept the first section with a perfect 3-0 score. In the second section **Yuliya Shamelashvili** (1291) also went undefeated to win her section.

There were four scholastic sections. **Austin Ozawa** (1233) won the first one with 2.5-.5. **Greg Wong** (988) gave up no points to win his quad. Unrated **Eitan Joffe** showed an impressive result with his 3-0 score. And in the fourth section, a mini-swiss, **Raymond Chow** (841) tied with **Nitay Joffe** (Unr.), both of them undefeated.

On 8/8/93 the Fifth Sectionals were held. **FM Renard Anderson** (2365) came in first place with 2.5-.5; **Bruce Matzner** (1963) and **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1888) tying for second, 1.5-1.5 each.

In Section II **Raphael Yelluas** (1714) tied for first with **Ilya Yeluashvili** (Unr.), each of the scoring 2.5-0.5. Again, the **Joffe** kids demonstrated their expertise. **Eitan** won the first quad, and **Nitay** won the second group, both of them winning all of their games!

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WALNUT CREEK QUADS

The Walnut Creek Quads continue to thrive at the Theatre Caffe on Main Street under the direction of **Eric Baudry** and **"George" Djordjevic**.

The winners of the August 15 event were **Philip Cobert** and **Wade Regensberg**, tied with two points in Section A; **David Wait** (3) in Section B; **Michael Laffin** (3) in Section C; **Walter Catibog** (2.5) in Section D; **Robert Howland** (3) in Section E; **William Mealiffe** (2.5) in Section F; **Scott Cameron** (2.5) in Section G; and **Sergey Ostrovsky** (3) in Section H. The tournament was directed by Eric Baudry.

On August 22 the top section was split three ways between **Mitchell Vergara, Tom Stevens, and Pat Mead**, all with 2 points. Section B was swept by **Eric Baudry** (3). Section C went to **William Mealiffe** (3), and Section D was owned by **Kevin Nelson** (3).

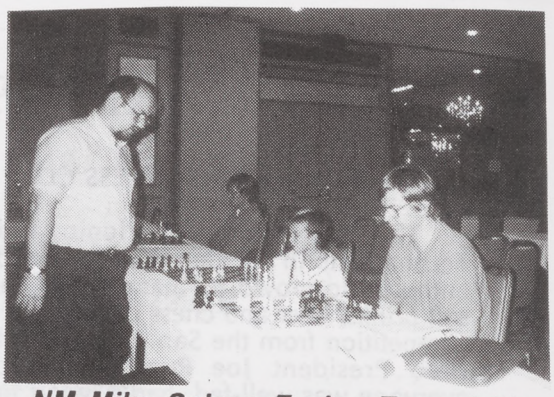
There are rated quads or casual play every Sunday at the Theatre Caffe, on Main Street at the corner of Civic Drive in Walnut Creek, starting at noon.

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White: Ursula Foster
Black: Von Motschenbacher
"B" Section Brilliancy [C00]

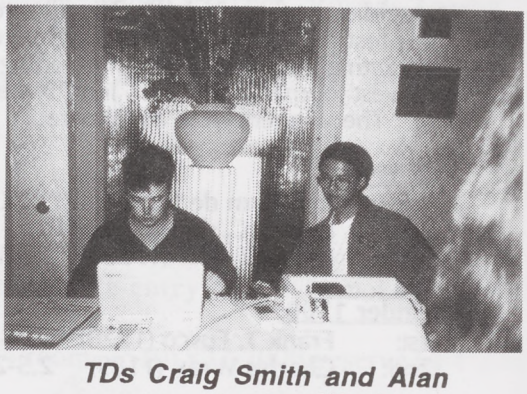
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NM Mike Splane Facing Two of His Challengers in the Friday Night Simul

White: Todd Imada
Black: Martin Weiss
"C" Section Brilliancy [A04]

1. Nf3 c5 2. e3 d5 3. d4 c4 4. b3 b5 5. Bb2 Nf6 6. Nbd2 Qc7 7. a4 c3 8. Bb5 Bd7 9. Bd7 Nbd7 10. Bc1 cd2 11. Nd2 e5 12. Bb2 e4 13. Rc1 Bd6 14. h3 Qa5 15. 0-0 h5 16. c4 g5 17. Qc2 Rc8 18. c5 Bb8 19. f3 Qc7 20. f4 h4 21. Ba3 g4 22. hg4 Ng4 23. Ne4 Ne3 24. Nd6 Qd6 25. Rce1 Kd8 26. Re3 Qf6 27. Qd2 Kc7 28. Qa5 Kb7 29. Qb5 Ka8 30. Re7 a6 31. Qd7 Rc7 32. Qd5 Ka7 33. Rc7 Bc7 34. c6 Rd8 35. Bc5 Ka8 36. Qe4 h3 37. gh3 Rg8 38. Kh2 Qg7 39. Qf3 Bf4 40. Kh1 Qg3 41. Qg3 Bg3 42. Rf7 a5 43. Rf8 Bb8 44. b4 Rg1 45. Kg1 1-0



TDs Craig Smith and Alan Tse Hard at Work



Juniors Adrian Keatinge-Clay and Brian Jew Analyzing Their Game



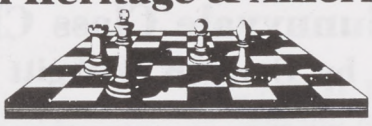
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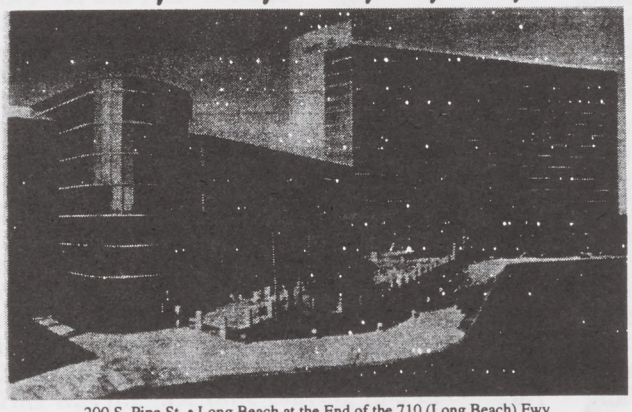
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29th LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships

by Carolyn Withgitt

For the twenty-ninth time, the weekend of August 21-22, LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships drew some of Northern California's best players to the familiar Mathilda Avenue clubhouse.

Top-ranked **GM Nick de Firmian** of Piedmont, the state champion, yielded two draws, and first place, to **Burt T. Izumikawa** of San Carlos, who gave up a draw only to de Firmian on his way to clear first with 3.5 points. De Firmian followed with **NM Renard Anderson** (Aptos), **NM Emmanuel Perez** (Antioch), and **NM Richard Koepcke** (Mountain View), all with 3.

Expert honors went to **H. Edward Syrett** of Menlo Park, with 3.5 Behind him with 3 were **Doug Dekker** (2141) of Sunnyvale, **David Herscovici** (2091) of Monterey, **Enoch J. Cruz** (2004) of Sunnyvale, and **Jordy Mont-Reynaud** (1988) of Stanford.

The Class "A" prize was taken by **Bruce Kopet** (1923) of Sunnyvale, 4-0, followed by **Virgil Fuentes** (1959) of South San Francisco with 3.5, then **Mario L. Samatra** (1988), **Brian Jew** (1968) of San Francisco, **Richard D. Yang** (1865) of Oakland, and **John R. Juan** (1800) of San Jose.

Section "B" fell to **Raphael Yelluas** (1714) of Palo Alto, followed by **Joe Lonsdale, Jr.** (1506) of Fremont with 3.5, then **Bruce Jewett** (1611) of Belmont and **Richard Newey** (1757) of Walnut Creek, 3 points.

The winners in Class "C" were **Jonathan Baker** (1570) of San Francisco and **Jeff Ensley** (1508) of Sebastopol, 3.5. Runner-ups with 3 points were **Kevin Simler** (1592) of Fremont, **Mohamed J. Sirker** (1557), and **Ken White** (1500) of Concord.

First "D" was **Telman Akopian** (1350) of Fresno with 4, first "E" was split between **Uri Andrews** (1138) of San Jose and **Mariel Grumo** (1133) of San Francisco, and the Unrated prize went to **Anthony Rozenvasser** of San Jose with 4 points.

A total of 130 players played in the event, directed by **Jim Hurt** and **Ted Yudacufski.**

White: Mark Gagnon 2136
Black: R. V. Taylor 2038
Master Section Brilliancy

1. e4 c5 2. b4 cb4 3. a3 ba3 4. Ba3 d6 5. d4 Nf6 6. Bd3 g6 7. Ne2 Bg7 8. Nd2 0-0 9. 0-0 Nc6 10. c3 Re8 11. f4 e5 12. fe5 de5 13. d5 Nb8 14. Ng3 Bg4 15. Qe1 Bc8 16. Nc4 Bf8 17. Bf8 Kf8 18. Qf2 Kg7 19. Nb6 ab6 20. Ra8 Na6 21. Rc8 Qc8 22. Qf6 1-0

White: Adrian Keatinge-Clay 2078
Black: Roberto Ricca 2162
Expert Section Brilliancy

1. d4 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nf3 0-0 6. Nc3 d6 7. 0-0 Qe8 8. d5 h6 9. Rb1 g5 10. b4 f4 11. gf4 gf4 12. Bf4 Ng4 13. Bd2 Qh5 14. h3 Ne5 15. Ne5 Be5 16. f4 Bc3 17. Bc3 Bh3 18. Rf3 Bg4 19. Rg3 Rf4 20. e3 Kf8 21. Rg4 Rg4 22. Qf3 Ke8 23. Rf1 Nd7 24. c5 Qg6 25. c6 bc6 26. dc6 Nf6 27. Bf6 ef6 28. Kh2 Qg5 29. Bh3 Qe5 30. Kh1 Rg3 31. Bd7 Ke7 32. Qf4 Qh5 0-1

White: Richard Yang 1865
Black: Mario Samatra 1988
A Section Brilliancy

1. e4 c6 2. f4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. d3 e6 5. Nf3 Nd7 6. c3 Bc5 7. b4 Bb6 8. d4 a5 9. a4 Ne7 10. Bd3 Bd3 11. Qd3 Nf5 12. 0-0 0-0 13. Nbd2 Qc7 14. g4 Ne7 15. Ng5 Ng6 16. Ndf3 Rae8 17. Nh7 Nde5 18. fe5 Ne5 19. Ne5 Qe5 20. ba5 Ba7 21. Ng5 f5 22. Qh3 Bd4 23. Kh1 Rf6 24. Qh7 Kf8 25. Qh8 Ke7 26. Qg7 Kd8 27. Bf4 Re7 28. Be5 Be5 29. Qh8 Re8 30. Qh4 Kc8 31. Qe1 Bc7 32. Rf5 Rh6 33. Nf3 Rg8 34. Rh5 Rf6 35. h3 Rgf8 36. Nd4 Rf2 37. Qe6 Kb8 38. Nf5 1-0

White: Tov Fisher-Kirshner 1283
Black: Leonard Trottier 1500
C Section Brilliancy

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d5 3. Ne5 de4 4. Bc4 Qg5 5. Nf7 Qg2 6. Rf1 Bg4 7. Be2 Be2 8. Qe2 Kf7 9. Qh5 g6 10. Qd5 Kg7 11. Qb7 Nd7 12. Qa8 Ne5 13. f4 Nf3 14. Rf3 Qf3 15. Nc3 Be7 16. Ne2 Qh1 17. Kf2 Qh2 18. Ke3 Qh3 19. Kd4 Qd7 20. Qd5 Qd5 21. Kd5 Nf6 22. Kd4 Rd8 23. Ke3 Bc5 0-1

White: Brian Jew (1968)
Black: J. C. Kuba (1826)
King's Indian Attack
Annotated by Brian Jew
Italicized notes by NM Peter Yu

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1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. 0-0 d6 5. d3

The King's Indian Attack.

5...0-0 6. e4

After 6. c4, Black can equalize with ...e5!? 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. Rb1 Nh5 (Nd4!?) 9. b4 f5 10. b5 Ne7 =.

6...Bg4

I'm glad he didn't choose to play symmetrically, then I wouldn't be sure what to play!

6...c6, e5, or Nbd7 is better since the text allows White either to push h3 with tempo or force Black to exchange his bishop for the knight.

7. Nbd2

This is all book right now, my next move would have been to play h3. Maybe I should have played h3 now to have two Bishops versus Knight and Bishop?

Development is always good.

7...Qc8 8. c3
This is to blunt Black's dark-squared bishop's diagonal and maybe to prepare d4 and e5.
8...c5 9. Qb3
I wanted to get the queen off the pin, but Qc2 was probably better.
9...Nc6 10. Re1 Rb8 11. Nf1
I didn't mind daring him to play Bf3 next move. Meanwhile my knight is getting out of the way of my bishop and possibly relocating to e3.
11...Bf3 12. Bf3 Ne5 13. Be2
Right now I became very worried about 13...c4! I didn't see a good move for myself, so luckily he didn't play that!
13...Qh3
Too superficial, much better is 13...c4! 14. Qd1 cd3 15. Bd3 Nd3 16. Qd3 b5 followed by b4.
14. Qd1 Qd7
Black is playing without a plan. In stark contrast, White has been consistent in preparing for the kill.
15. f4
Here come the pawns!
15...Nc6 16. g4
This was my first time playing this opening and I hoped I wasn't playing too aggressively!
16...Qc7 17. f5 b5 18. g5 Nd7
Threatening Nd5 followed by f6!
19. Ne3 Nb6 20. Ng4
Now I saw a beautiful mate! (21. f6 ef6 22. gf6 Bh8 23. Nh6++) Unfortunately this is too obvious.
20...Nd7 21. Rf1 Nce5 22. Ne3
His two knights can't guard every square, I'm going back for Nd5!
22...Nb6 23. f6
F inally, f6!
23...ef6 24. gf6 Bh8
If Bh6, then Nd5 wins something.
25. d4 cd4
Since Black must abandon his e5 post anyway, it is better to retreat immediately. This way, an eventual Qb3 can be met by ...c4.
26. cd4 Ned7 27. Ng4 Rfe8 28. Bd3 h5 29. Nh6 Kf8 30. Bg5 a6 31. Rc1 Qd8
Now I see a brilliant finish!! Just as expected, now for the sacs I've been waiting for!
32. e5
32. Nf7! may be even more brilliant, for example ...Kf7 33. Qb3 Nc4 (d5 34. ed5 gives White more than enough compensation) 34. Rc4! bc4 35. Bc4 forces mate despite White's double sac and his Queen being en prise. The text is less brash but just as effective.
32...de5 33. Qb3 Re6
Forced, since Nc4 allows the fatal Qb4.
34. Qb4 Ke8 35. Bg6
Now if pawn takes bishop, then f7 mate!
35...Nf6 36. Bf7 Kd7 37. Be6 1-0
Black resigns since he loses too much material after Rc6.
A very nice game by Brian, who probably would have won a Brilliancy Prize if he had only played this gem a round earlier.

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2. d4 Bb7
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3. Nc3 g6
White protects the center. Black responds with the unexpected.

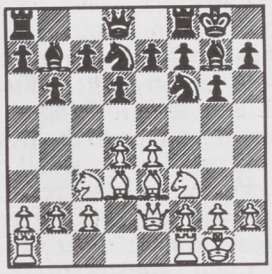
4. Nf3 Bg7
White continues to bulk up. Now Black develops a mirror image.

5. Bd3 d6
Why not continue to load up the center? Black provides a buffer for the knight.

6. Be3 Nf6
Black's knight ventures out.

7. Qe2 Nd7
Now Black's knights complement each other and are flexibly positioned.

8. 0-0 0-0



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The Critical Zone

by FM Craig Mar

Mar is back from law school, ready to jump back in to his true sport again. At some point when I was a master I was able to utilize and identify a concept, a pattern, which is difficult to precisely define or measure. Evaluating a position based on control over the initiative, the ability to dictate the critical zone, is an invaluable skill. Amateurs often get hung up on evaluating a position based on material, "Let's see, I have a rook which is worth 5 points, you have a bishop worth 3 points, thus I'm 2 pawns ahead."

Masters think differently, often disregarding the point count, but instead looking at the true worth of each piece according to the position. A strong attack occurs usually in a small corner of the board and is effective despite being a pawn down, a piece down, or only the exchange down. The critical zone is where the action takes place, the main "theater of war." To control the zone is to control the initiative. He who has an attack controls the game. An overwhelming preponderance of force in a limited area of the board is often decisive, sometimes simply shifting pieces toward the enemy king is sufficient. The absence of pawns on one wing may signal that a dangerous avalanche is forthcoming, and his control remains, regardless of what's happening elsewhere.

In the following game, Black creates an overwhelming amount of force on the K-side. The difficulty lies in fashioning such a position, winning them or playing them are easy for most players, but how did Kramnik achieve such a position?

White: GM J. Lautier (2640)
Black: GM. V. Kramnik (2685)
English Opening [A21]
Annotated by FM Craig Mar

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Bb4

Black employs the well known tournament strategy of leaving known theory as soon as possible.

3. Nd5 Bc5

On 3...Ba5 4. b4 c6 5. ba5 cd5 favors White.

4. Nf3 e4 5. Ng5!

An alternative is 5. d4 Bf8 6. Ng5 c6 7. Nc3 d5 8. cd5 cd5 9. h4 with an advanced French with colors reversed.

5...e3!

Flashy, but White is still better.

6. d4! ef2 7. Kf2

Despite loss of the castling privilege, White still retains a lead in development.

7...Be7 8. Ne7 Qe7!

Not the natural 8...Ne7 as Black must try to control e4.

9. e4

Do not be fooled into thinking White is better because he has the two bishops. They are a long-term advantage, but the knights create dynamic chances, as in the Chigorin's (1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6). The general rule is that the knight is equal to the bishop in the middlegame, but loses a bit of value when the queens come off the board.

9...d6

Does White have a powerful or overextended pawn center? It can be shredded by c5 or f5. What's required is a hair trigger sense when the pawns cramp and when they're a target: here the truth appears to be in-between, White has a vulnerable center subject to attack.

10. Bd3 Nc6 11. Bc2! Nf6 12. Re1?

A serious inexactitude, losing the initiative, fatal against such a strong opponent. The subtle 12. h3! gives White a promising initiative denying Black a good square for the bishop.

12...Bg4! 13. Qd3 Nd7!

Two smart moves by Kramnik and Black has an excellent game. What follows is a big mess.

14. Ba4

If Black is allowed the knight fork Nb4 the game will be equal.

14...h6 15. e5?!

White decides to mix it up, but as is usually the case when the position demands quiet defense, it will backfire. The quiet 15. Nf3 was better.

15...de5 16. d5 Nd4! 17. Qe4

This is the move White had relied on, but it meets with a forceful reply.

17...Be2!

An "In your face" type move, maintaining his initiative.

18. Nh3

White retreats meekly, but the alternatives weren't any better. If 18. Nf3, then 18...Bf3 19. gf3 b5! 20. cb5 f5! with a punishing initiative. Best may be 18. Bd7 Kd7 although Black's still better.

18...b5! 19. Bb5 Nb5 20. Qe2?!

Better was 20. cb5 Bb5 21. d6! Qf6 22. Kg1 0-0 with opposite-colored bishops and practical chances after 23. Qb4! though Black is still better. The text yields Black a powerful kingside initiative.

20...Nd4 21. Qd1

White hangs on for dear life.

21...Qh4 22. Kf1!

Both 22. Kg1 Nc2! and 22. g3 Qh3 are hopeless.

22...0-0 23. Be3 Nf5 24. Qc2 Ne3 25. Re3 f5!

At last the pawns start marching. Note how the two pawns covering White's king are little cover as the e- and f-pawns bust the K-side wide open.

26. Kg1 Rae8 27. Nf2 e4!

Cramps White's knight and prepares the devastating f4 at the proper time. Also note how White's own 4-to-2 pawn majority doesn't play because he's too busy defending against the attack. The kingside is the *critical zone.*

28. Qc3

28. c5! looks more active in a probably lost position.

28...Nf6 29. g3 Qh5 30. Rf1 Nd7!

The knight is headed for f3.

31. Kg2 Ne5 32. h3 f4!

Black initiates complications in White's time trouble, a good practical strategy.

33. gf4

If 33. Re4 fg3 34. Qg3 Rf3! leads to a decisive attack.

33...Rf4

White now blunders, but on the better 34. Ne4 Re4 35. Re4 Qg6 36. Rg4 Ng4 37. hg4 Qg4 38. Qg3 Qc4, Black should still win.

34. Re4 Qg6 35. Qg3 Rf2! 36. Rf2 Qe4 37. Kh2 Nc4 38. Qc7 Qd5

Time trouble possibly on both sides.

39. Qa7 Qd6 40. Kg2 Ne3 1-0

Time pressure is over and Black has a decisive kingside attack.

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